

Rudolf Hess, sinister shadow of a vanished world, dies at 93



Rudolf Hess, Hitler's one-time Nazi deputy and heir.

By Robin Young

The most expensive, most mysterious and loneliest prisoner in the world died yesterday. Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy, finally succumbed at the age of 93, having been a prisoner for the past 46 years, 40 of them in Spandau, and the last 23 in permanent solitary confinement.

Old, feeble and pathetic, he was a ghost long before he died, an ancient but sinister shadow from a vanished world. Having been judged guilty at Nuremberg of "preparing and waging aggressive war" he was to be shown no mercy by his captors. For them his final demise comes as relief from an unexpectedly protracted embarrassment. The last tattered remnant of the strong directorate of the Third Reich, Hitler's one-time deputy and heir had been an unconscionable time dying.

Since 1966, when his fellow inmates, Baldur von Schirach, the Hitler Youth

leader, and Albert Speer, Hitler's armament minister, were released, Hess had lived on — sole occupant of a fortress-like red brick prison in West Berlin that was built to hold 600.

He was guarded and tended by more than 600 people — soldiers, supervisors, clerks, cooks and doctors supplied by the four wartime allied powers. British, American, French and Soviet teams took turns in guarding him a month at a time, while the West German taxpayer footed a bill that had risen to more than 2.6 million Deutschmark a year.

Of all the Nazi leaders, Rudolf Hess was the least talented or inspiring. The only thing that distinguished him, until the strange night of May 10, 1941, was a

Hitler's former deputy who languished in Spandau jail for 40 years as the world's loneliest prisoner

fanatical loyalty to his leader. Hitler, for whom he was a vicious street-fighter, eloquent mob orator, and ferocious organizer from the earliest days.

Then in May 1941 — brooding over weird geopolitical Nazi notions that decayed but Aryan England should not be an enemy but a natural ally against the sub-human Slavs — Hess made careful preparations, took off in a Messerschmitt (he had trained with the Imperial Flying Corps, but his most notable flying exploit before had been to beat up an open-air meeting of political opponents in 1930 by swooping low overhead with screaming engines) and headed for the Lanarkshire estate of the Duke of Hamilton on a one-man peace mission. In his pocket was a list of other British

grantees thought to be interested in an anti-Bolshevik armistice.

He parachuted, and a ploughman found him hobbling around with a broken ankle. A Ministry of Information minute described him as "this strange bird of good omen that has dropped in our midst", and pointed out that whatever value he might have as a prisoner of war, he represented "50 times more value as a propaganda carrier".

But then nothing. The British listened to the Deputy Fuehrer's monologues about world history, and apparently decided that not only was he potty, but that even his Nazi colleagues probably knew it already.

For whatever reason, the British Government made no attempt to make

capital out of the star prisoner who had flown into their hands, and Churchill even absolutely forbade that he should be photographed. One theory, never yet completely debunked, was that the man who plummeted to land in Scotland and who became the lonely prisoner of Spandau was not really Hess at all, but a posing imposter.

Another theory, advanced by his son Wolf-Ruediger Hess, was that the deputy

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Fuehrer had been lured to England by the British secret service. Hess himself apparently never gave lucid reasons for his mission to Britain, and there remains an ineradicable feeling that the full truth of the affair has never been told.

Large numbers of original documents concerning it have been removed from the files in the Public Record Office. Continued on page 18, col 3

View on United Nations initiative

Gulf message to Thatcher by Gorbachov

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A personal message about the Gulf crisis was delivered yesterday from Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, hours after four British minesweepers sailed to join the Armilla Patrol.

Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the Soviet ambassador, delivered the message to Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

It was immediately dispatched to Mrs Thatcher, who was due to receive it at her holiday address last night.

Although official sources would say only that it concerned the Gulf, it was thought likely to reflect Soviet views on the timing of any

further move by the Security Council to bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end.

Britain has been pressing for an immediate five-power arms embargo against Iraq for failing to observe United Nations Resolution 598, in which the Security Council called for a ceasefire. It has been careful not to exclude the possibility that the embargo might also apply to Iraq, following its

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raids on Iranian oil terminals. The Soviet Union has so far resisted an embargo on grounds that Tehran has not formally rejected 598, while also not accepting it.

This argument was given further weight yesterday when Senator Javier Perez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary General, implicitly accepted an invitation to talks issued in Oman on Sunday by Iranian foreign minister Mr Ali Akbar Velayati.

There is much suspicion in Whitehall that Mr Velayati is continuing the delaying tactics he has used since the Security Council passed its resolution on July 20.

Moscow is thought in Whitehall and Washington to be playing an astute hand, allowing the West to take on the job of defending the Gulf sea lanes while it repairs its damaged relations with Iran and keeps its strong links with Iraq.

Although the Soviet Union has proposed the withdrawal of all foreign naval vessels other than minesweepers from the Gulf, including its own, it has been much less critical of the British role in the Gulf than its American counterpart.

The Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* yesterday described Washington's naval activities in the Gulf as "military hysteria" and suggested that

the Iran-Iraq war had been provoked.

Britain has made strenuous efforts to convince the Soviet Union that its own role is not intended to be provocative. Mr Mellor reminded Mr Zamyatin yesterday that the minesweepers were being sent to enable the Armilla Patrol, Britain's Gulf task force, to continue a job it has done for seven years.

The Soviet Union has its own minesweepers in the Gulf and has played its own part in assisting Kuwait to export its oil. A Soviet tanker, the Admiral Chirkov, which was on charter to Kuwait, was damaged by a mine on May 16 before the mining of the refuelled Kuwaiti tanker *Bridgeton* while under American escort. Soviet frigates were seen moored along the Gulf sea lanes again yesterday.

In another development yesterday, the first signs emerged that British efforts to persuade European Nato allies to join its effort to keep the Gulf open may be getting a more receptive attitude.

The Netherlands proposed talks on the Gulf among the seven nations of the Western European Union.

Britain accepted and talks are to be held on Thursday. Along with Italy, Belgium and West Germany, The Netherlands is one of the minesweeper-owning nations that Britain has approached for help.

Washington has long pressed all its Nato allies, including Britain, to take part in overt joint operations. So far Britain has kept its distance from the American operation.

Meanwhile, it emerged in Dubai that American crews of mine-hunting helicopters aboard the newly-arrived 18,000-ton carrier *Gundakan* were not fully prepared and needed training.

The vessel's eight Sea Stallion helicopters had not been used for mine-hunting since the Vietnam war, according to naval sources.

In Washington, a conflict was developing between the White House and Congress over Administration plans to sell \$1 billion-worth of arms to Saudi Arabia.

Iraq yesterday repeated its threat to attack ships belonging to Iraq's allies if Iraqi forces raided its ships in the Gulf.

President Ali Khamenei, speaking in the north-east city of Quchan, said: "If our ships in the Persian Gulf are hit by Iraq, no doubt we will attack the ships belonging to Iraq's allies".



Mr Leonid Zamyatin, who delivered the message



Relatives wave as the Royal Navy minesweeper squadron sets sail from Rosyth for the Gulf.

Dispute as Navy sails to the Gulf

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The first of Britain's minesweepers set off from Rosyth for the Gulf yesterday to the background of a bitter dispute as the political and military tensions built up in the area.

The Labour Opposition launched a fierce attack on the Government for "posturing with sailors' lives." But Mr David Mellor, Foreign Office Minister of State, accused them of illogicality and irresponsibility.

Mr George Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on Foreign Affairs, said that the Bicester, Hurworth, Brecon, Brocklesley and their support ship *Abdell* should be recalled immediately or put under the United Nations flag as part of a multi-national protection force in the Gulf.

Mr Mellor condemned that as "escapism," saying there was little military rationale behind what was being done.

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Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow and the Government's long-time scourge on the Falklands conflict, claimed that he had been sent information by a Whitehall source that both the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence had severe reservations about the sending of the force.

A Foreign Office spokesman yesterday denied any idea of opposition to the sending of the minesweepers. Sadness and excitement, page 3

Police seize huge Arab arms cache on Humberside

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch has seized the largest cache of Arab terrorist arms and explosives ever found in Britain.

Details of the raid and the arrests were kept secret until yesterday, possibly because police were keeping watch on the flat to see if anyone tried to make further contact.

It is understood that the flat was one of a number of targets chosen for investigation in the wake of the shooting in Chelsea.

Last Wednesday officers led by Detective Supt Alan Talbot and supported by Humberside police moved in on the flat in a quiet, tree-lined street in the West Hill area of Hull.

The arms, which included explosives, clocks, fuses, detonators, seven grenades and magazines of ammunition, were found in the ground floor flat at 74 Westbourne Avenue.

It could prove to be the largest store of Arab terrorist arms found in Western Europe. Larger stores of IRA arms have been found on the British mainland but police have never discovered anything as large as this linked to the Middle East.

One senior police source said yesterday that, in the past, intelligence had suggested that Arab groups never tried to build up stockpiles in Britain but brought small supplies with them when they entered the country.

The discovery in Hull suggests that one big attack was being planned or that a long term strategy was being developed.

Mayhew quizzed by Wright

Lord Mayhew, former Labour Minister, revealed yesterday that he was once "interrogated" by Mr Peter Wright, the ex-MI5 officer.

Mr Wright had been obsessively interested in a visit to Russia in 1935. Lord Mayhew told *The Times* among his companions was the traitor Mr Anthony Blunt.

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Air crash points to failure in computer

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A faulty computer could have caused America's second-worst air crash in which at least 154 people died.

British pilots have been banned from using the computer, which controls flaps and wing surfaces during take-off, because the Civil Aviation Authority believes it has inherent safety problems.

Witnesses to the crash described how the McDonnell Douglas MD80 twin-jet tipped over on to its left wing as it left the runway at Detroit on Sunday night and dived on to a crowded road.

Their evidence has led investigators to concentrate on the aircraft's flap settings.

The researchers will want to establish whether the pilots selected the wrong setting, or if the computer malfunctioned in some way, causing only one flap to operate.

The MD80 used by Northwest Airlines, a derivative of the popular DC9, was delivered to the operator in December, 1982, and is one of the most modern jet aircraft flying, with a sophisticated range of automatic systems.

One of these is the automatic flap-control known by MD80 pilots as "dial-a-flap". The flaps, both at the front and rear of the wings, are used on take-off and landing to give additional lift at low speeds. If one wing flap is out and the other in, the aircraft would roll in exactly the way described by witnesses.

The British charter company Paramount, which operates two similar but even more modern MD83 aircraft mainly from Bristol, taking holidaymakers to Europe, yesterday ordered their pilots to take extra care on take-off.

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Service to A-level students

From tomorrow *The Times* is offering a unique service to A-level students searching for degree course places. We are publishing daily, up to date lists of vacancies for degree courses at British universities and polytechnics. The lists are compiled for us by The Times Network Service, a database service now used by more than 4,500 educational establishments, and supplied by the University Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) and the Polytechnic Central Admissions System (PCAS). Each day will focus on a group of course topics. Tomorrow's group is: Medicine; Dentistry; Courses allied to medicine; Biological Sciences. The lists are updated daily and will cover all subject groups. For more information on vacancies call UCCA for universities on 0272 217244 or PCAS for polytechnics on 0272 217221.

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Hundreds arrested in Soviet drive against drugs

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Hundreds of Soviet opium growers and dealers have been arrested in a three-month operation involving thousands of police backed by light planes, helicopters, civilian inspectors and station and airport vigils.

Tass said that the operation, in the Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan, led to more than 2,000 illicit poppy fields being found and destroyed, half a tonne of drugs, mostly opium, confiscated, and hundreds of addicts identified and registered.

The publicity given to the operation in the republic is part of a continuing campaign by the Soviet authorities to reduce the incidence of drug abuse. In common with many social maladies,

drug abuse was until recently a hidden problem. Few figures were available, and those that were suggested that the Soviet Union's problem was minimal compared with that of Western countries. At worst, it was an imported affliction which originated in the wicked West.

Now, however, drug abuse has a place alongside alcoholism, juvenile delinquency and AIDS.

In the Asian parts of the Soviet Union, drug abuse is not a new phenomenon. Opium and opium-derived drugs have been in use for centuries. The scale of the recent operation in Uzbekistan suggests, however, that a large proportion of the narcotics produced in the republic was

finding its way to the cities of the Russian Federation and western regions of the Soviet Union and enriching a great many middlemen.

Soviet opinion differs as to whether the incidence of drug abuse elsewhere in the country has grown in recent years or whether drug users have become less timid and the media freer to discuss the problem.

Recently, a reporter with *Izvestia*, the government newspaper, was sent out into Moscow to discover how easily drugs were obtainable in the capital. He found that with a little coaxing and a little discretion on his part, information about where to buy drugs was readily available — as were the drugs. Indeed, after 11 p.m. when

most cafes and bars shut down, several Metro stations became narcotics bazaars.

While no one would divulge the identities of dealers, they indicated that the main source of the drugs, aside from the Central Asian connection, was the state-controlled pharmaceutical sector.

Until very recently, apparently, chemists' shops and dispensaries connected to polyclinics and ambulance stations kept no systematic record of what was dispensed, either for payment or against prescription. The reporter was told that up to 80 per cent of addictive substances regularly "disappeared" from some of the pharmacies.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Jews fail to stop anti-Zionist play

A reading of *Perdition*, the play which claims that some leading Jews colluded with the Nazis during the Second World War, went ahead last night in Edinburgh despite a demonstration by members of the Jewish community.

The play, written by Jim Allen and directed by Ken Loach, has caused a storm of protest, not least from the Board of Deputies of British Jews which says the play is a gross libel on the Jewish people. The fringe event took place at the Royal Lyceum studio. *Perdition* was to have been first performed at the Royal Court Theatre on London last January but it was cancelled two days beforehand.

In the play, a group of Hungarian Zionists are shown to be collaborating with the Nazis in the murder of other Jews. Mr Loach contends that *Perdition* is not only anti-Zionist but also anti-racist and anti-Fascist.

Jail for fire plot

A fireman who plotted to murder his wife in a blazing car was jailed for 10 years at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday.

The court had been told that Alistair Keating, aged 38, of Prestwick, Strathclyde, had shown "perhaps an unbelievable degree of loathing" for his wife.

Keating had denied attempting to murder his wife by tampering with the wiring in her car, causing it to catch fire. He also denied inciting a private detective to arrange to beat up his wife's lover.

Director charged

Mr Parvez Latif, co-owner and director of the Knightsbridge safe deposit centre that was robbed of £30 million, was yesterday charged with taking part in the robbery.

Mr Latif, aged 30, of Willesden Green, north London, was remanded in custody for a week by Hammersmith Road magistrates.

Miss Pamela Seamark, aged 29, of Irlingham, Northamptonshire, was granted bail after being charged with handling £50,000 from the robbery.

Smuggling charges

Seven men were charged yesterday with smuggling more than half a ton of cannabis and will appear at Lewes Magistrates Court, East Sussex, today.

They were arrested after the consignment, worth £1.25 million, was seized from a trawler in a combined operation by Customs and armed police.

Cutters and a light aircraft had been used to track a yacht from the Mediterranean and a watch was kept as drugs were allegedly passed from the yacht to a trawler at a rendezvous point in the Channel.

An eighth man, who is being detained at Newhaven police station, East Sussex has not been charged so far.

MP's poll dilemma

Mr John Cartwright, the anti-merger SDP MP, flew back to Britain yesterday after a Caribbean holiday and said it would be a "few days" before he decided whether to force a contest for his party's leadership.

Mr Cartwright, MP for Woolwich, said he would take soundings among his colleagues before coming to a decision.

But he did not rule out the possibility of standing against Mr Robert MacLennan, the pro-merger SDP MP for Caithness and Sutherland.

Dolphin mission

Greenpeace environmental campaigners yesterday set sail on a mission to help to save dolphins. Campaigners aboard the 36-foot Rubicon will spend about six weeks filming them in the Moray Firth. Dolphins are in danger of becoming extinct in coastal waters around Britain, where many are trapped in fishing nets, Greenpeace said. "Pollution is another problem."

The campaigners aim to bring back underwater film of dolphins at play as well as caught in nets.

Building industry's court seriously understaffed

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A warning about the severe shortage of judges and "second-tier status" of the Official Referees' Courts, which hear all big building industry disputes, has been issued to the Lord Chancellor's Department.

The warning comes in a paper from Judge Hawser, QC, chairman of the courts' users' committee and Senior Official Referee, who says that the courts are seriously understaffed. The result is "strain and delays" and only the dedication of the staff prevents major inefficiencies.

The judge calls for the courts to be given the status of specialist courts, like the commercial court, within the

Queen's Bench division; or at least the legal status of a separate division within the High Court.

The courts, their judges and staff should be rationalised, he says. At present they constitute "a glaring anomaly". Only High Court cases are tried by the judges there and in practice few involve less than six figures. "Yet they have no senior judge to speak on their behalf, they have second-tier status, they are understaffed, at present badly accommodated and inadequately equipped."

His call is the latest of several about the need for more judges to be appointed and will increase pressure to

do so on the Lord Chancellor, Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, has said that more judges are needed to cope with delays in the civil courts and Mr Peter Scott, QC, Bar chairman, has expressed concern about the need to ensure that the best quality candidates are attracted to the bench.

Yesterday his remarks were echoed by Judge Hawser, who said: "The position of official referees needs to be made sufficiently attractive to enable future official referees to be recruited from leading Queen's Counsel practising at the construction Bar, whose current earnings greatly exceed those of official referees."

The courtrooms, he says, are poor, although more have been promised by the autumn of 1988. In the meantime, exclusive use of a photocopier, a word-processor, telex or facsimile machine would help.

"To be cheese-paring on the Official Referees' Courts is not in the national interest", he says. "It is particularly wrong since, as the result of setting down fees being paid at an earlier stage than elsewhere in the High Court... the courts must be nearer to self-supporting than any other."

Judge Hawser highlights the problem that it is not legally possible for a High Court judge or deputy High Court judge to help out with official referees' work if he becomes free and is willing to help with summonses or trials. In consequence, senior members of the construction Bar with wide experience as arbitrators but who are not recorders

cannot be appointed as deputy High Court judges to help with official referees' work.

The judge says that if there was to be a new single civil courts system, merging the High Court and county court, then building disputes cases should start in their own courts in the High Court part of the system.

He criticizes proposals from the Lord Chancellor's Department that judges should work longer hours, saying that official referees could not realistically sit longer hours and that their hours could probably be shortened with advantage. A total of four and three-quarter hours for a trial was long enough, he says.

Rate reforms will hammer inner cities says Labour

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

A uniform business rate would deal a "hammer blow" to efforts to revitalize inner city areas, the Labour party claimed yesterday in a fresh attack on the Government's proposals for rates reform.

The criticism came from Mr Bryan Gould, the Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, in a letter to Lord Young of Gifford, his ministerial opposite number. Unopposed to the proposals, opposed by the Institute of Directors, has also been expressed by some Conservative backbenchers.

Mr Gould warned the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry that companies in some parts of London faced rate increases of up to 90 per cent and urged him to press Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, to rethink the scheme.

But a spokesman for the Department of the Environment said Mr Gould was being "highly selective" in his choice of examples and that companies in most urban areas would see their rate bills fall.

Citing official figures, Mr Gould said that business rate rises in Conservative-controlled London boroughs, which included pockets of severe deprivation, would

range from 38 per cent in Westminster to 91 per cent in Kensington and Chelsea. Companies in Labour-run boroughs such as Islington and Haringey would face rises of up to 18 per cent, he claimed.

Speaking on BBC radio, Mr Gould said: "What I want to know from Lord Young is, if he's right in his contention that high rates destroy jobs, why is he allowing his colleagues at the Department of the Environment to push up rates even higher in the very areas where he is supposed to be regenerating the economy?"

The Department of the Environment said that business rates would fall in other parts of London such as Hackney, Hammersmith, Fulham and Lewisham and would also be reduced in every district of Greater Manchester, Merseyside, South and West Yorkshire, Tyne and Wear and the West Midlands.

"Overall, the inner city areas will benefit quite substantially from the uniform business rate", he said, adding that the reductions would be most marked in the poorest parts of the country, making them more attractive to companies considering relocation.



Tower Bridge opened, HMS Belfast fired a salute and Scots pipers played as Mr Tom McClean, the solo Atlantic oarsman, came up the Thames yesterday.

He rowed for a short stretch to London Bridge Pier for a champagne greeting, six days after his record journey, and announced that he was giving his blistered hands a rest. "No more rowing for me. I wouldn't say I will never do it again but I want time to consolidate."

Waiting for him were civic dignitaries, his sponsors, his wife Jill, and their two sons. The family plans to return to the Western Isles, where the former paratrooper runs an adventure centre. His elder son James, aged seven, said he had no plans to emulate his father. "He's not brave, he's bone-headed", he said.

(Photograph: Chris Harris)

Support for 'Libyan' college

By Tony Dawe, Clifford Longley and Andrew McEwen

The Home Office is encouraging the development of the Islamic College in west London, which, as *The Times* reported yesterday, is backed by the Libyan government, in spite of the ban on all diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The Home Office believes that the college is doing a vital job by training Muslims in Britain to become religious leaders. The college principal is Dr Zaki Badawi, chairman of the UK Council of Imams and Mosques, and the Home Office is aware that the council and the college have received millions of pounds from Colonel Gaddafi.

Some British experts on Islam, however, believe that the Home Office is backing the wrong group. Dr Yaqub Zaki, former lecturer in Islamic theology at Lancaster University, said yesterday: "Dr Badawi does not represent the majority of the one million Muslims in Britain. He is a marginal figure and few classes are held at his college."

Rival organizations, such as the World Muslim League and the World Sufi Council, both of which receive financial

support from Saudi Arabia, claim to be far more representative of British Islam.

Most Muslim leaders have, however, welcomed the Home Office's plans for an inquiry into how their community is organized. Mr Ayman Abwal, London spokesman for the World Muslim League, said: "The development of the Muslim community in Britain is only a recent phenomenon and needs proper research. The Home Office is planning a project which several Muslim organizations have struggled to do themselves."

The study, awaiting approval by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, is a recognition of the Home Office's inadequate knowledge about the British community, which is why it is reluctant to join the Foreign Office in condemning anything Libyan.

Mr David Waddington, MP, the Conservative chief whip, even spoke at the Libyan-backed Islamic College when he was a Home Office minister. His department encouraged the college because training religious leaders in Britain might prevent demands from mosques for imams to be brought from

India and Pakistan despite immigration controls.

Dr Badawi, an Egyptian, has become one of the best known public spokesmen for the community. The Council of Mosques, of which he is founder and chairman, is campaigning to replace the Union of Muslim Organizations as the main Muslim voice in Britain.

Some of his former followers have broken away from his group to join the World Sufi Council, founded by another benevolent Saudi Arabian, Sheikh Shams El Deen Al Fassi, who arranged an audience for Dr Badawi with King Faud during his state visit to Britain this year.

The Saudis are far from friendly towards the Libyans, but must know of Dr Badawi's association with President Gaddafi. There is speculation that the Saudis may be considering changing sides in the internal British Muslim political battle by putting funds at Dr Badawi's disposal, to diminish his dependence on Libyan money. That would substantially enhance the Saudis' claim to dominate the British Muslim scene. *Spectrum*, page 8

'Spycatcher' controversy

Anarchists to appeal on ban

By Howard Foster

An anarchist group announced yesterday that it intends to appeal against an injunction stopping it from publishing 20,000 copies of *Spycatcher*, the banned Peter Wright book.

Hooligan Press, an offshoot of an extremist group called Hurricane, said last week that it intended to produce a pirate version of the book, selling for £2 a copy, and produced proof of its intention by delivering a dummy cover and extracts from Mr Wright's book to a London magazine.

The book's official publisher, Heinemann Publishers Australia, immediately applied for and was granted an ex-parte injunction against Hooligan Press by Mr Justice Hoffman in the High Court on Friday afternoon.

Heinemann is in the un-

enviable position of trying to ban the publication of a book which is itself forbidden from publishing in Britain. Furthermore, until yesterday afternoon, it was foundering in its attempts to serve the injunction on Hooligan Press, which operates through a box number in central London but keeps its headquarters and printing press address a closely guarded secret.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, yesterday warned public libraries that they could be breaking the law if they stocked copies of *Spycatcher*, as Hooligan Press sent a copy of its appeal against the injunction to national newspaper editors.

In what Heinemann's lawyers described as an "intelligent document", a Mr Waldo Dobbs, spokesman for Hooli-

gan Press, gave as grounds for the appeal that the anarchists disputed Heinemann Australia's copyright.

"We hold that the contract between Mr Wright and Heinemann Australia pertaining to the copyright of *Spycatcher* has no validity in the UK because Mr Wright, as an ex-MI5 officer, was in breach of his obligation of confidentiality to Her Majesty's Secret Service, and also possibly the Official Secrets Act at the time of entering the contract", Mr Dobbs said.

In a more flippant note accompanying the terms of appeal, Mr Dobbs asked newspapers to publish it with a donation to the Hooligan Legal Fund, care of the WCI box number.

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Japanese TV for Channel 4 screens

By Ruth Gledhill

First it was computers, then came kimonos. Now Japanese television is set to make its first serious inroads into Britain.

This is not television as in screen and box, a high technology field where Japan has already made its presence clearly felt. This is television programming, as in *Call My Bluff*, *Coronation Street* and *Dallas*.

More than thirty programmes from Japanese television are to be screened on Channel 4 next month. British television executives are said to be keen to discover whether Japanese production is as good on the screen as it is in the factory.

The schedule looks promising. There will be less sex and violence than on British television, but more chrysanthemums, butterflies and Sumo wrestling.

The charming hit cartoon series, *Little Girl on the Farm*, will show Donald Duck how it is done. The innocuous sounding *Inochi*, Japan's leading soap opera, about the life of a woman GP, is expected to give the producers of *East-Enders* something to think about.

The £300,000 season will also include a travel game show and a fashion magazine. Then there is *The Singalong Show*, described in publicity as "complete with genuine Japanese commercial breaks

where the sell is as hard as they come". An unlikely-sounding documentary, *Will Mass Unemployment Arrive in Japan*, is included in the package, as well as the more ironic *Stop The American Car*, about a trade war between the United States and Japan.

But the deal is not all one-sided. One Japanese television network is planning a similar British season. No details have yet been decided, but it could mean lucrative future advertising deals for stars in the series which are sold.

Sean Connery, Woody Allen and Brooke Shields, Madonna and Boy George have already featured in advertisements on Japanese television. Sylvester Stallone and Mel

Gibson have pushed rival brands of beer.

The prospect for British programmers is also enticing. More than 38,500,000 homes, 99.8 per cent of the total, possess television sets in Japan.

But programmers will have to remember that Japan, said to be well ahead with high definition television and the new flat screen television sets that can be hung on the walls, is well behind in its attitude to sex. Last year, *Insurance Man*, an award at a Japanese television festival but only after the BBC put some strategically placed black marks on the film in three scenes containing nudity.

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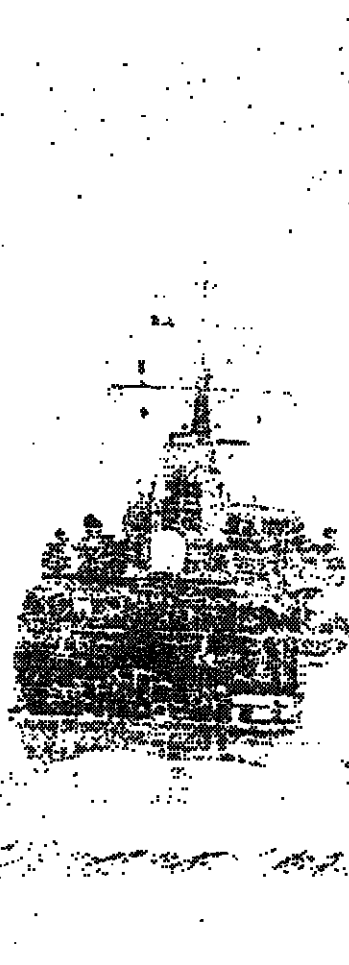
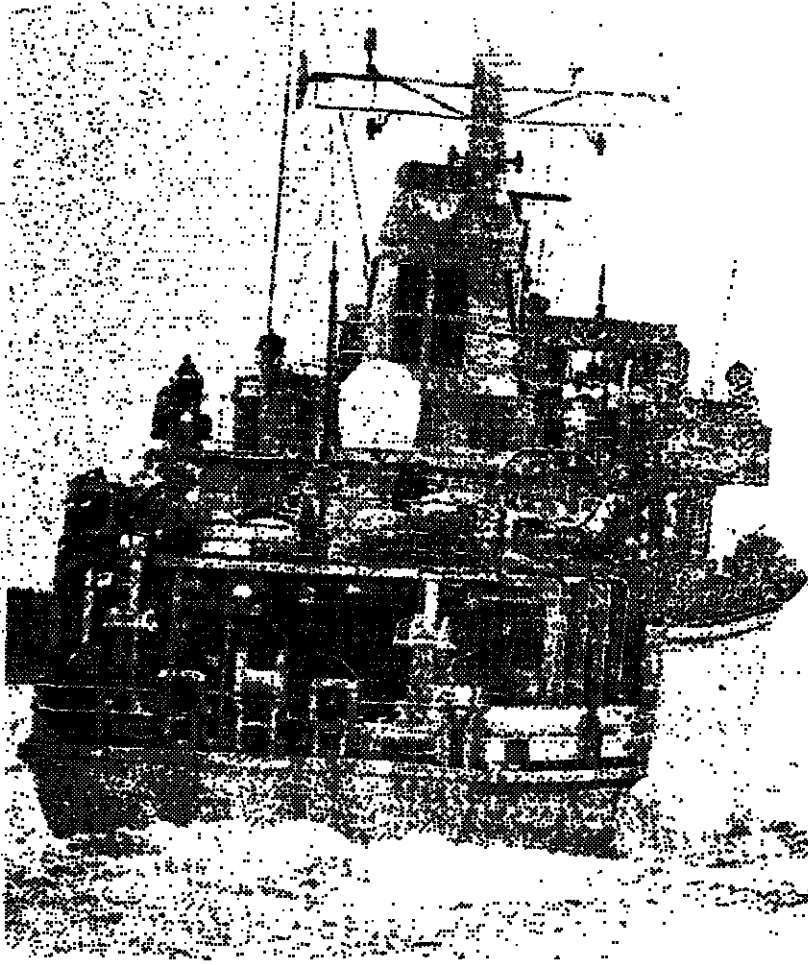
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Sadness and excitement as little fleet sails to the Gulf



Petty Officer Alan Harvey saying farewell to his wife Sue at Rosyth; and the minesweepers Bicester (left) and Hurworth take the Firth of Forth on their way to the Gulf, leaving family and friends behind (Photographs: Tom Kidd and Peter Trevnor).

It was a time for mixed emotions as the first of the minesweepers left Rosyth yesterday for the Gulf, disappearing out of the Firth of Forth and into a light mist in almost total silence.

Two hundred relatives and friends waved farewell as the Bicester moved from her jetty at 10 am, closely followed by the Hurworth. The Abdiel, the Brocas and the Brocklesby sailed at 3 pm.

The squadron's senior officer, Commander Tim Hildesley, aged 41, who sailed on the support ship Abdiel, "We are in great spirits. Everybody is extremely excited about going, tinged with regret at being away from families for quite some time."

"I am terribly excited. It is great. This is what I joined the navy for. The apprehension will come later when we find out the nature of our task," he said.

Commander Hildesley had been on a week's holiday in Scotland when he was recalled pulled in from leave. This meant that he was able to have his family by him on the jetty. His wife Jill and three children, Nicola, aged 15,

Simon, aged 13, and Philip, aged 11, were there yesterday to see him sail.

Petty Officer Wren Kim Toms, aged 29, had travelled up from Portsmouth to spend a last few hours with her fiancé, Petty Officer Nick Carter, aged 26, who is an operations room supervisor on the Bicester.

"I hate shipside goodbyes," she said. "I am a bit subdued although I am in the Navy. It is very, very upsetting but I will be here at the jetty waiting for him," she said.

Her fiancé had been shocked when he first heard he was to go, but that had soon turned to excitement.

"They are all professionals and I am sure they will all cope," said Kim who travelled the 400 miles from Portsmouth by overnight bus on Friday.

She said she had managed to have 24 hours free with Nick on Saturday, but since then she said, the feet of the 250 of the five ships had "not touched the ground."

Chief electrician John Farnes, aged 46, who sailed on the Bicester, expects to meet his son Paul, aged 19, who is a

radio operator on the HMS Edinburgh, a destroyer with the Armilla flotilla in the Gulf.

Mrs Margaret Farnes, from Burntisland in Fife, said her husband had a farewell party on Saturday. "He has to go. He has signed and he knows it is his job," she said.

Their two younger sons were on the jetty.

David, aged 10, said: "I am very proud of him," and Ian, aged 13, said of the leave-taking: "You just have to put up with it and accept these things."

As the Bicester and Hurworth moved out into the Firth Mrs Sue Harvey, aged 38, from near Portsmouth, wept as her husband Petty Officer Alan Harvey, aged 38, sailed in the Bicester.

He has spent 21 years in the Navy is due to leave next year. She had memories of another leave-taking when her husband sailed in the Hermes during the Falklands conflict.

The news that he now had to sail out on the Bicester came suddenly, she said. "We had just been on holiday in Italy. Then the Navy phoned. It was a bit of a shock."

She did not know how long

the Gulf minesweeping force would be away, but was preparing herself not to see her husband until after Christmas.

As the two little ships formed up west of the two Forth bridges there was no cheering just silence and sadly waving families.

Preparation for the 6,500 mile journey has been frantic. Even as the Bicester and Hurworth set sail, work was still continuing on the three other ships.

Commander Hildesley said: "First we have some small trials to do in the Forth and off the south coast, later on matters will become normal again. We have a pretty good idea of what we are going to do."

Three French minesweepers, the Cantho, Garigliano, and the Vinh Long, set sail from Toulon for the Gulf last night to join the French task force of two frigates, an aircraft carrier, and a supply ship, which was sent out to the Indian Ocean three weeks ago (Diana Geddes writes from Paris).

They are being accompanied by a logistic support vessel, the Garonne.

Warning after wave takes men off rocks

By Howard Foster

Coastguards yesterday warned thousands of holidaymakers in Cornwall to beware of deceptive freak waves after two fishermen were swept off rocks.

The sea at Portreath was apparently flat calm when a hidden groundswell rolled in from the Atlantic and dragged Mr Roy Williams and Richard Hands, aged 16, from their foreshore. Both were pulled 100 yards out to sea within seconds.

Mr Williams, aged 40, from Camborne, Cornwall, disappeared underwater and his companion, having tried unsuccessfully to save him, swam ashore to raise the alarm.

Later, a search for Mr Williams by helicopter, lifeboat and coastguard patrol was abandoned.

The London Weather Centre said temperatures in the capital had reached at least 24C, although they were lower in the North. The heatwave was expected to continue until the weekend.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents issued a warning that the temptation to plunge into rivers, ponds, canals and quarries should be resisted during the hot weather.

Passengers who escaped unhurt from the wreck of a high speed train were brought cold drinks as they recovered after the Cleethorpes to King's Cross express was derailed in Lincolnshire.

The Aga Khan spent yesterday at the bedside of his son Prince Hussain, aged 13, in London after his jaw was broken in a boating accident off Sardinia.

Tons of sandy dust from the Saharan desert, the legacy of a savage storm, fell on England yesterday, coating cars from Hampshire to Co Durham.

Mr Dick Fife, commercial manager at the London Weather Centre, said small amounts of desert dust fell every two years but yesterday's outpouring was above average.

Child abuse inquiry

Surgeons had fears over ban

By Peter Davenport

Police surgeons in Cleveland had five main areas of concern over the county's large scale increase in the diagnosis of alleged child sexual abuse cases, the judicial inquiry into the affair was told yesterday.

Among chief worries were that they had been refused permission to examine some alleged victims and they feared diagnoses were being made after incomplete or inadequate medical examinations.

The concerns were put to Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss on the fourth day of her inquiry in Middlesbrough by Mrs Sally Cahill, representing all police surgeons in the county.

She disclosed details of a meeting attended by Dr Alistair Irvine, the senior police surgeon, Dr Marietta Higgs, one of the consultant paediatricians at the centre of the controversy, and Mrs Sue Richardson, a social worker

with Cleveland County Council. It was arranged to try to resolve the conflict about the role of the police surgeon.

It was made clear by Dr Higgs and Mrs Richardson, Mrs Cahill said, that they no longer saw a role for the police surgeon in the examination of child victims of sexual abuse and they had therefore written the guidelines to exclude them.

Mrs Cahill said working arrangements between the police surgeons in Cleveland and other doctors in the county had worked well and without significant problems until the early part of this year.

However on March 10 and 11 Dr Irvine, after a request from the police, asked for permission to examine a child already seen by Dr Higgs, who then made a diagnosis of sexual abuse. Mrs Cahill said it became apparent there were diagnostic differences between

the two doctors and Dr Irvine was refused permission to examine the child.

"Following that occasion a situation developed whereby diagnoses were made of sexual abuse by Drs Higgs and Wyatt and when a second opinion was requested by the police, to be performed by a police surgeon, permission for this examination to be carried out was refused", Mrs Cahill said.

The surgeons' main grounds of concern were in instances in which they had been refused access to possible abuse victims: they were worried about the possibility that a diagnosis had been made after an incomplete or inadequate examination.

Earlier the judge ruled that evidence from the first set of parents to appear before the inquiry should be given in private session.

The hearing continues today.

Surviving septuplets

Parents defend use of fertility drugs

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The parents of Britain's first septuplets yesterday defended the use of fertility drugs, which had helped to produce their babies — two of which have now died.

The surviving three sisters and two brothers, whose combined weights amount to under 7 lb, were "very poorly, but stable" and breathing with the aid of ventilators.

Mrs Susan Halton and her husband Neal lost the second of their babies yesterday.

The condition of Leah, who weighed 1 lb 4 oz at birth, deteriorated overnight and she died early yesterday morning.

One of the babies, a boy weighing only 1 lb, died within 25 minutes of the caesarian section delivery at Liverpool Maternity Hospital on Saturday.

Doctors have put the survivors' chances at about 50-50. Mr Halton, aged 29, a social worker from Haydock, near St Helens, Lancashire, said of Leah's death: "You

know it can happen, but you are never prepared for it."

"We are very distressed, but we are just putting our hopes on the others now and hoping they will pull through. We are just hoping they will go on improving."

The condition of the tiny infants is being constantly monitored by a team of doctors, nurses and laboratory staff using a battery of monitoring and life-support systems.

Each baby is in an incubator, breathing through a ventilator and being drip-fed. The immature condition of their lungs and the risks of infection are the most serious of the immediate dangers they face.

The combination of highly skilled medical and nursing staff and the latest hospital technology has halved perinatal mortality — infant deaths within a week of birth — from just over 19 to just under 10 per thousand births.

The surviving babies are

Liam, the first born, at 1 lb 10.5 oz; Christy, the second, 1 lb 1 oz; Laura, 1 lb 10 oz; the third; Erin, the fifth, weighing 15 oz; and Karen, the last, 1 lb 8 oz.

The babies were conceived when fertility drugs were given to Mrs Halton after she and her husband had endured seven barren years of trying for a child.

Sitting in her hospital bed, supported by her husband, Mrs Halton, aged 27, said: "The last thing we regret is that we began the treatment. It has given us the chance to have a family."

"I would willingly go through the treatment all again for the wonderful chance it has given us. 'I don't think anyone should be denied that if there is any hope.'"

Mr Halton said: "We knew right at the very start that there was always a possibility of a multiple birth. We accepted that and were delighted when we found out Susan was pregnant."

"Obviously we would have preferred there just to have been one baby for her to carry but that was not to be."

Mr Patrick Steptoe, the specialist who helped pioneer "test-tube baby" treatment, said yesterday that women receiving fertility drugs should not give birth to septuplets.

Mr Steptoe said he would reassure a woman worried that infertility treatment might lead to seven babies by telling her: "If this whole treatment is properly managed and monitored this would not occur."

Speaking on BBC Radio's *The Doctors At One*, Mr Steptoe said doctors could monitor the level of hormones in the body and count the number of eggs becoming ready for fertilization.

"These should not be allowed, in my opinion, to exceed three or, under certain circumstances, at most four, because of the risks of multiple pregnancy."

Backer sought for Battle of Britain monument

By Charles Kneivitt
Architecture
Correspondent

London's Docklands could soon get the equivalent of New York's Statue of Liberty, the Colossus which once straddled the harbour at Rhodes and the Valhalla of northern Germany if a developer can be found to back plans for a 500 ft monument to the Battle of Britain.

The £30 million monument would be situated in Surrey Docks, on the south bank of the Thames on a line between St Paul's Cathedral and Greenwich Palace. It has been designed by Mr Theo Crosby and Mr Pedro Guedes of Pentagram Design, with Mr Michael Sandie, professor of sculpture at Karlsruhe, West Germany.

With 15 million annual visitors to the capital, and perhaps twice as many by the turn of the century, Mr Crosby argues that London needs more attractions to cater for tourists.

The river would form the perfect artery for tourist traffic, especially with river buses linking the planned leisure centre at Battersea power station, Canary Wharf, the office development on the Isle of Dogs, and Mr Sam Wanamaker's reconstruction of the Globe Theatre in north

Southwark, opposite St Paul's.

The monument, described in *The Times* in May, went on show in the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition in June and Mr Christopher Benson, chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation, has expressed an interest in backing the project.

A hollow pyramid at the base of the structure would contain laser-generated holograms and sounds recalling the Blitz which devastated parts of the City and East End. Four glass lifts would take visitors up to a platform, where there would be a life-size sculpture of a Heinkel bomber crashing, nose-first, next to a Spitfire.

Mr Crosby, an associate of the Royal Academy, has written a booklet called *Let's Build a Monument*, a manifesto for a commitment to the ideal of the beautiful city, and for some "urban romance". It argues that greater visual awareness by the public, learning, work and leisure should all be used towards that end.

Mr Crosby suggests that 1 per cent of the budget of any construction project should be allocated to visual art, which would provide more than £250 million a year. He says: "Our physical safety depends largely on a public presence; on the streets being used, the cities

enjoyable, safe and responsive. They are stages where we act out our lives, and we have to set up an adequate backdrop and scenery."

He describes the monument as "a perfectly viable commercial investment, one with infinite social benefits and with side effects which are unpredictable but certainly encouraging" and concludes: "Let's go to it."

Efforts are being stepped up to create more jobs for local people in the London Docklands Development Corporation area after it achieved only a third of the target it set itself for last year (Paul Eastham writes).

It is understood that the six-year-old corporation aimed to create 1,117 posts for local people in the 377-acre North Southwark section on the north side of the Thames — about one-sixth of the corporation's area — but succeeded in getting only 344 for them.

Part of the reason is that property speculators are buying land and waiting for prices to increase in order to sell it, rather than building.

Now, in the face of mounting criticism from Docklands tenants' associations that developments are benefiting incoming workers far more than original residents, the

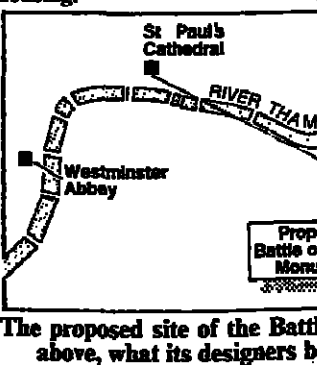
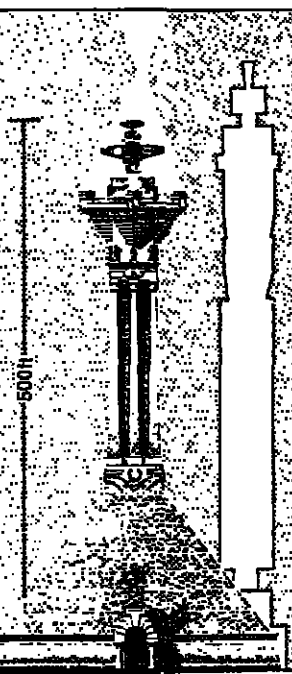
corporation is stepping up a number of initiatives to redress the balance.

A member of the Downtown Residents' Association, which represents thousands of tenants in the Surrey Quays area of North Southwark, said yesterday that the figures for the past year had deepened their disappointment.

"If you want to walk out on Sunday and see how the other half lives it's very nice," she said. "But seeing new Scottish wool shops where you can buy a jumper for £50 is doing nothing to improve the quality of life for working-class people who are still here."

She said that her area had been over-developed with luxury penthouses. Even land originally designated by the corporation for job-creating industry had been sold off for housing.

The proposed site of the Battle of Britain monument and, above, what its designers believe it should look like.



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Tonight on ITV, the second

of three Viewpoint Specials reveals the inadequacy of current aid to Ethiopia.

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Anglo-Saxon burial site is plundered by treasure hunters

By Ruth Gledhill

An Anglo-Saxon burial site has been plundered just three days after it was discovered by archaeologists working in Cambridgeshire.

The Gunthorpe cemetery in Peterborough, which dates from around the sixth century AD, has had invaluable relics, including shields and ancient bones, stolen from it in an overnight raid by treasure hunters who were believed to be using metal detectors.

The Fenland Archaeological Trust, which has been digging on the site since Friday, has, in an attempt to encourage the treasure hunters to bring back the stolen relics, promised not to take action against anyone who returns them.

The burial ground was used by pagan Anglo-Saxons. The dead warriors were buried with their shields and other artefacts that could provide information about the post-Roman age.

Nearby, Flag Fen, a Bronze Age lake village, was recently opened to the public by the trust in an attempt to raise funds for further excavations.

Existing funds are provided by English Heritage.

Mrs Norma Challenge, an archaeologist and administrator, said: "It sickens me that this has happened. We have no idea whether this burial ground was used over a short period or a longer period of time. We would have been able to date it from the relics found buried with the bodies. Now we may have no chance to do that."

"When they got to the site this morning, all they saw were holes where people had been digging overnight. These things are of absolutely no monetary value. They are almost completely decayed. No one would ever want to buy them. They are, on the other hand, extremely valuable to us. In the sense of the historical information they could provide, they are literally irreplaceable."

She said a jug from the site had already been returned, yesterday morning.

"We know they have taken bones. We have no idea what else they might have taken."

Three shields, dug up over the weekend, had been carried back to the base of the dig by the archaeologists and are now safe. "They must have been using metal detectors. You can see holes all over the site where they were digging."

The cemetery was discovered last Thursday by contractors who were clearing the site for the Peterborough Development Corporation.

The men immediately stopped work and called the police after finding a number of skeletons and skulls immediately under the surface.

A Home Office pathologist was called and he established that the human remains were ancient, dating back about 1,300 years. The Fenland Archaeological Trust diverted a team of five archaeologists from a nearby site to excavate the burial ground, in Coniston Road.

The corporation, which plans to use the site as a playing field, has given the trust £3,000 and two weeks to excavate the cemetery.

Among the remains already



Archaeologists at the Flag Fen site in Cambridgeshire, which was recently opened to the public in an attempt to finance other excavations. The latest, at Gunthorpe cemetery, has been plundered by treasure hunters (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

said it was possible that an ancient Anglo Saxon settlement lay nearby, underneath a new housing development.

The cemetery had no direct links with Flag Fen, although there were Bronze Age elements to the burial ground.

"The interesting thing about this find is that no one

had any idea there had been a settlement of this nature in the area."

The site is already disclosing previously unknown data about the pagan practices of the period, which lasted for about 200 years.

Diggers yesterday discovered a body that had escaped

Bomb in kitchen made safe

By David Sapsted

More than 120 people were evacuated after an RAF bomb turned up on a kitchen table in a North Yorkshire village.

The practice bomb, weighing three kilograms and with a small explosive device in the tip, was detonated in the village of Rosedale early yesterday by an Army disposal squad from Catterick camp.

It is thought the bomb came from an RAF Tornado which crashed five miles away in a field at Farnham, on the edge of the North Yorkshire moors, on July 27. The site has been under guard by service personnel since the crash, pending the recovery of all top-secret equipment. The RAF appealed earlier this month for souvenirs to be returned.

A village phone North Yorkshire police late on Sunday evening to say he had the bomb, one of eight carried on the Tornado, on his kitchen table.

More than twenty neighbours were evacuated by police and another 100 people at a campsite were taken to a hotel until the Army team detonated the bomb shortly after 3am.

The Ministry of Defence said: "The explosive device was only small but, obviously, any amount of explosive can pose a hazard to life if detonated in the wrong place."

Drug run granny, 74, jailed

A great grandmother was jailed for four months yesterday for her second drug running offence.

Venilla Lecky, who has 68 grand children and great grandchildren, was arrested by customs as she tried to smuggle through Heathrow Airport more than 4.5 kg of cannabis, worth £7,350.

Mr Owen Williams, for the prosecution, told Isleworth Crown Court, west London, that customs officers stopped Lecky, aged 74, as she was being pushed through the airport's green channel.

She wept as the court was told she spent 18 months in jail after she was convicted with others of smuggling 9 kg of cannabis through Heathrow in 1978.

Mr Mark Gadsen, for the defence, said she and her third husband had a smallholding in St Thomas, Jamaica, and she spent the summers with her daughter at Mortimer Road, Islington, north London.

Sentencing her to two years' jail, 20 months of which were suspended, Judge Lowry, QC, said he could not overlook the case. "People are always finding others who are getting on in years or very young and having them to bring in drugs in the hope that because of their situation the courts will be lenient."

Property price rise continues

By Christopher Warman

House prices moved steadily upwards throughout England and Wales in the three months to the end of July as a high level of demand continued in spite of the traditional holiday lull, according to figures published today by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Just under a third of the 187 estate agents polled reported a 3 per cent increase while 44 per cent showed increases of 2 per cent from May to July.

A further 6 per cent reported increases of 8 per cent, 18 per cent showed no change and less than 1 per cent recorded a fall.

A survey of the South-east, traditionally the home market pace-setter, suggests a slowing down in the rate of increase as it has moved broadly in-line with the rest of the country.

Noting that the survey was carried out before the recent rise in the bank rate, Mr Peter Miller, the institution's housing spokesman, said that the stabilization of mortgage interest rates was likely to have little adverse effect on the market.

"Although we are experiencing the traditional holiday lull, demand is still very strong," he said.

Benefit bus helps the rural jobless

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The latest in British benefit offices for the unemployed is softly sprung and moves along the A5 through north Warwickshire.

At Atherstone it grinds in first gear behind a dustbin lorry before manoeuvring into its parking space opposite the Albert Hall, which used to be the benefit office until it was declared unsafe and closed.

That was when the local Department of Employment staff took to the road in their smart, newly registered benefit bus, the first of its kind and an example that could be followed in other rural areas.

Mrs Dawn Currin, administrative officer, unlocked the rear doors at 12.45pm sharp and let in the first customers. The bus had already spent a busy morning behind the working men's club in Grendon after starting the day at Dordon. Ninety customers had called, mostly to sign on, a few who had found a job to sign off.

A steel furnaceman, unemployed for five years, said the bus was a great help. "It saves us two or three gallons of petrol every fortnight. Unemployment here is worse than many think. There have been colliery closures and big redundancies in engineering. It is bad but I suppose rural folk are more relaxed about hardship," he said. He was a powerfully built man and as he left the bus lurched.

Mrs Currin said: "It's the springing. It seems to be a bit soft. Sometimes when we get back to Nuneaton we feel as if we've been at sea all day, very peculiar."

Mr Guy Wellings, driver of the bus (the vehicle has been created at least one permanent job) said that electrically powered, push-button sta-

bilizers from the United States were to be fitted to keep north Warwickshire's mobile dole service on a steady keel.

In Atherstone, the questions were pouring across the counter thick and fast, fielded by Mrs Currin, Mr Wellings and Miss Debbie Wright, administrative assistant, in their three glass-partitioned cubicles. How much could I earn before I lose benefit? Do you hand out Giro? What do I do; what am I entitled to?

Some customers are directed to the DHSS and the trickier questions are taken up on the radio telephone. "The point is that we can deal with people face-to-face and provide direct help and advice," Mrs Currin said. The option of dealing with the benefit service by post remained but the bus has 1,175 potential clients in North Warwickshire.

"It's very friendly," a woman from Ridge Lane said. She thought signing on for the dole had become quite a social occasion. It was difficult, she said, to get into Nuneaton when buses were as rare as unicorns among the villages of Sheepy Parva, Barton in the Beans, Norton Juxta Twycross and their small rural neighbours.

Other claimants thought they were on the poor side of the county and that the unemployment figures were flatteringly distorted by the affluent areas around Stratford-on-Avon.

At 2.45 the benefit bus pulled up its small drawbridge, locked its doors and swayed into the traffic.

There were plans to use the vehicle as a mobile exhibition centre on the days it was not serving the unemployed but one thing it could never be was a bus. Any rural claimant hoping for a lift home aboard his benefit office was, for legal reasons, politely refused.

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Parents join campaign to save school from council

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Parents and teachers have launched a campaign to prevent what they believe will be the destruction of a comprehensive school for ideological reasons.

They are appealing to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, to stop Barnsley's Labour-controlled authority turning the town's "peaceful and happy" Honeywell Comprehensive into a sixth-form college.

As part of their campaign, they are sending Mr Baker a video recording which describes how the council's plans will destroy a well-disciplined, industrious school where graffiti and vandalism are unknown.

The council argues that as secondary school rolls are projected to fall by 33 per cent by 1992, it must move towards larger 11-16 schools and sixth-form colleges to save money and prepare the area for a full tertiary system.

But proposals for a tertiary system have never been openly put up for discussion and parents say that they cannot understand why the council should choose to close the town's most popular school.

Honeywell is the only school for pupils aged 11 to 16 in the town centre and the only one where rolls are falling more slowly because of demand for places.

Mrs Pat McDermott, chairman of the parents' action group, said: "The school looks more like a well-heeled public school than the former secondary modern that it is. It is an extraordinarily peaceful, high-achieving school and some children are the third generation of their family to attend it."

"Under the council's plans, only a handful of sixth-formers will be able to use it, while 11 to 16-year-olds are sent all over the place to outlying comprehensives of up to 1,400 pupils, a size of school we have never seen in Barnsley."

"The council will only use

about a fifth of the school for a sixth form college, the rest will literally lie fallow waiting for a full tertiary system to be adopted."

Parents are particularly angry that one of the senior officials planning the closure of the school is a member of a nearby local Labour Party. Mrs McDermott said: "It is unacceptable that someone who is entirely bound up in the ideological arguments for tertiary education should be acting as a supposedly impartial official."

Mr Elwyn Jones, the headmaster, said yesterday that the 600-pupil school had become part of plans for tertiary education which were still only in the form of "top secret" documents at the town hall.

"The Labour group has never made a case for its policy; it isn't up for discussion and isn't officially referred to. From our point of view it's like punching straw."

Mr John Wake, Barnsley's education chairman, said yesterday that he hoped to see the town move to a fully tertiary system but it needed to be a staged process. "Honeywell is a suitable choice for a sixth-form college as there is a need for more 16-plus provision in the town centre", he said.

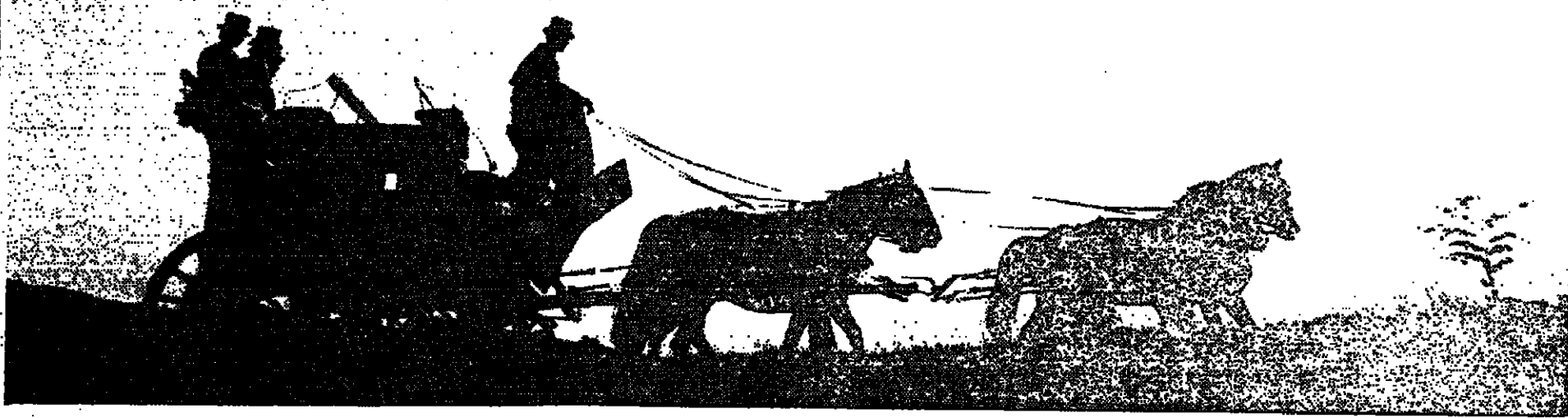
The Government has rejected pleas from Gloucestershire Conservatives and parents to stop the Alliance-controlled council closing a grammar school in the year of its four hundredth anniversary.

The decision to close Westwood Grammar School, in Northleach, is the first grammar school closure sanctioned by Mr Baker since he took office 15 months ago.

The school's governors are considering a legal challenge, possibly on the grounds that the decision reduces parental choice.

The council plans next year to merge Westwood, which has only 283 pupils, with Bourton Vale secondary modern eight miles away.

Stagecoach returns to Devon's hills after 74 years



The 94-year-old stagecoach Lorna Doone, once a familiar sight on the roads between Lynton and Minehead on the north Devon and Somerset border, back on the hills of Exmoor after an absence of 74 years.

At the reins of the stagecoach is Mr Mark Broadbent, of Tiverton, Devon, who bought the coach at auction and

took five years to restore it. Mr Broadbent, who is national four-in-hand driving champion, also trained the team of horses.

The coach, one of Britain's oldest in running order, came back to take a starring role at the Dulverton Festival on Exmoor on Sunday. It was also a leading attraction at an Anglo-Ameri-

can Lorna Doone Society gathering and is to appear again over the August Bank holiday.

The stagecoach, with its team of selected horses, became widely known in Victorian times and into the twentieth century because its route took in three of the steepest hills in the West Country.

The Lorna Doone, named after R D Blackmore's Exmoor heroine, made its regular three-hour journey in summer and winter.

The coach was commissioned and built at Lynton, Devon, in 1894 and then carried mail and up to 20 passengers.

(Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Cavers set for China expedition

A group of British cavers about to embark on an historic trip to China will give a group of journalists a glimpse of what is in store tomorrow when they hold a press conference 350 ft underground (Ronald Faux writes).

The China Caves Project, an expedition to the world's largest area of limestone caves and potholes, will be describing its plans to explore beneath the highlands of Guizhou, in south-east China, to more than twenty reporters at the bottom of Gaping Chyil hole in Yorkshire.

The team is the first group of western cavers to be invited to China which has potentially the largest caving areas in the world.

Exploration will centre on the unfathomed and technically difficult Fala river cave which was located two years ago.

A second trip will concentrate on the Tisu River in Guizhou province.

Chinese academics and hydro-engineers who are keen to learn western caving methods will accompany the group.

The British climbing establishment is faced with a dilemma. It must encourage a high level of achievement yet persuade climbers not to take unjustifiable risks when a keen edge of risk is embedded in the spirit of mountaineering.

Colonel Henry Day, a member of the Mount Everest Foundation and an expedition leader, said: "The line is difficult to draw. All we can do is point out that physical deterioration starts as low as 17,500ft and gets rapidly worse the higher you climb so that, above 20,000ft, the physical and mental disorders mean that you are, in fact, dying quite quickly."

Six out of every 100 climbers taking part in Himalayan expeditions between 1968 and 1983 were killed in accidents or through illness. Altitude sickness is known to have halved the number of climbers in a team who are fit enough to climb. That has serious implications for small expeditions which can easily be deprived of all back-up.

The foundation points out that, during a two-to-four day summit bid, climbers may be working at maximum effort while suffering virtual starva-

Everest expeditions: 2 The climber's fateful balancing act

The ethics of the new wave of lightweight mountaineering expeditions to the Himalayas are causing intense debate within the climbing establishment. Ronald Faux, in the second of a two-part series, asks: can the risks be justified?

tion through loss of appetite.

It has outlined the symptoms of mountain sickness and dehydration, the need to drink at least one and a half litres of liquid a day and the danger signs when someone begins to suffer oxygen starvation.

The foundation and the British Mountaineering Council, the sport's governing body, can do little more. Climbing's essential freedom from rules and regulations is cherished above all else.

There are some risks for which no one can legislate, as Pat Gunson, the leader of the Cumbrian attempt on the north face of Everest, discovered in 1982.

All six members had undergone physical stress tests before setting out. Mr Gunson had been deemed fitter than Bjorn Borg. Yet at 22,000ft, as he was slugging up the face carrying a 50lb load, he collapsed with a heart attack.

"Thank God the doctor was close by. He injected mor-

would be ridiculous and elitist to say that only these climbers should attempt those summits.

"Anyone attempting an 'oxygen free' ascent should be aware of the risks and the commitment they are making. Inevitably some will make the choice and get themselves killed as a result but that is part and parcel of climbing at that level", he said.

Mr Bonington led the first lightweight attempt on the north-east ridge and he plans to try again if the present expedition fails but it will be with a large team using oxygen sets.

He believes that ridge to be uniquely difficult because much of it is higher than 8,000 metres.

A small expedition without oxygen and without back-up would be terribly exposed if conditions turned bad. But he does not doubt that someone, someday, will do it in lightweight style. It is the highest and most demanding mountaineering challenge—as elusive as the four-minute mile was to athletes in the days before Roger Bannister.

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Scheme to stimulate rural areas

Country towns in depressed areas are to benefit from an initiative aimed at improving the environment and stimulating business.

Under the plan, announced by the Civic Trust and the Development Commission for Rural England several rural towns will undergo feasibility studies this autumn to pinpoint environmental improvements which could encourage economic growth.

The towns, which must be in England's 28 rural development areas, will be chosen because they are experiencing high unemployment and serious environmental problems, but have the potential to attract private investment.

"Improvements to the environment are an essential ingredient in the economic and social revitalization of rural towns", Lord Vinson, chairman of the development commission, said.

Mr Martin Bradshaw, director of the Civic Trust, said his organization was already building up a programme of work in rural areas and he hoped many towns would be stimulated by the idea.

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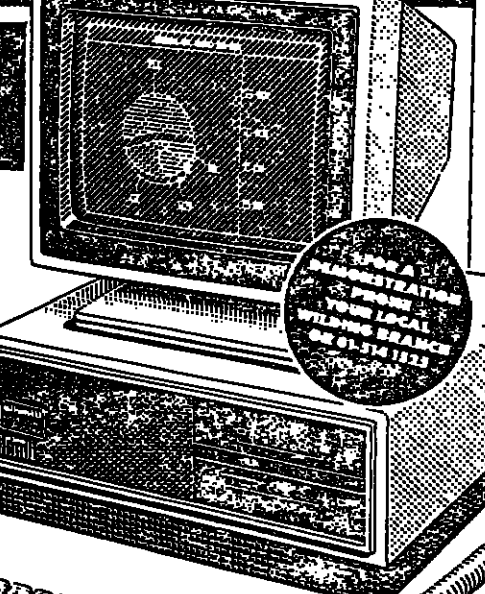
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WORLD SUMMARY

US steps up drive to alter peace deal

Washington — The United States is intensifying diplomatic efforts to bring about fundamental changes in the peace agreement initiated by President Arias of Costa Rica and signed by leaders of the five Central American countries 11 days ago (Christopher Thomas writes).

Senior US diplomats are returning to Central America after consultations yesterday at the State Department designed to clarify the US response to the accord. In particular, the US objects that it fails to curb Nicaragua's relationship with Cuba and the Soviet Union.

US policy makers were clearly taken by surprise when Nicaragua quickly signed the agreement and are only now beginning to formulate a clear and highly critical response after a period of muddled reaction. Mr Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, insisted that important ambiguities must be cleared up before the Administration could give a final judgment.

Shamir in Test leak Romania admitted

Jerusalem — Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, flew to Romania last night for an official visit to the only Eastern bloc country maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel.

Last week Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the PLO, visited Bucharest to see President Ceausescu, and it is certain that the Middle East peace process will both be at the centre of talks this week and the cause of some disagreements.

One subject on which there might be agreement is that of using Romania as a staging post for Soviet Jews granted exit visas. Mr Shamir hopes that if Jews can be brought direct to Israel through Romania, more would choose to make their homes here.

Moscow — A Soviet official conceded yesterday that an underground nuclear explosion in Novaya Zemlya might have caused the increase in radiation observed on August 12 by Swedish monitoring stations (Mary Dejevsky writes).

Mr Yuri Izrael, chairman of the Soviet weather service administration, said, however, that the amount of radiation released into the atmosphere by the explosion had been very small and completely harmless.

He told journalists at a press conference that the nuclear test, on August 2, had released some "gaseous substances" into the atmosphere, but denied that any radioactive fall-out had formed as a result. Soviet tests had proved negative.

Bhopal offer refused

Bhopal (Reuters) — Mr K. Parasaran, the Indian Attorney General, yesterday dismissed as insignificant an offer of nearly \$5 million (about £3 million) for victims of the December 1984 Bhopal gas disaster.

US Union Carbide Corporation had offered the victims the \$1.6 million dividends of its Indian subsidiary and to arrange the immediate transfer of \$3 million it had already given to the American Red Cross for them. Mr Parasaran described the \$1.6 million payment as "paltry".

Danes cut North Sea oil spending

Copenhagen — Denmark's draft state budget for 1988, unveiled yesterday by Mr Palle Simonsen, Finance Minister in the centre-right Government, shows a marked cut in the deficit in state spending, with average income tax virtually unchanged at about 46 per cent (Christopher Follett writes).

The 207 billion kroner (£18 billion) budget will have a deficit of 1.6 billion kroner, compared to this year's four billion kroner. In 1986 Denmark recorded a 7.8 billion kroner surplus.

The budget allows for unemployment to rise from 8 to 10 per cent and inflation from 3 to 4 per cent.

Oslø — In one of the largest operations of its kind, four North Sea oil platforms were raised 20 ft yesterday, to compensate for subsidence in the Norwegian Ekofisk field (Tony Samstag writes). The field has sunk about 13 ft since 1971.

The four platforms, together weighing 23,000 tonnes, were lifted simultaneously to preserve a network of interconnecting catwalks and pipelines by 68 hydraulic jacks after 35 steel legs had been cut.

More than 1,000 engineers have been involved in the project, which has taken a month and cost about £380 million.

Karami suspect free

Beirut (Reuters) — Charges were dropped yesterday against Sergeant Ibrahim Dagher, one of two people detained in connection with the murder in June of Rashid Karami, the former Lebanese Prime Minister. Officials said he would be freed after charges of having facilitated the murder and violated state security were dropped for lack of evidence.

Karami was killed when a bomb ripped through his army helicopter on June 1. Another soldier, Elie Sleibi, is being held by Swedish authorities for questioning.

Black mine union in peace talks

From Nicholas Beeston Johannesburg

Black mine union leaders meet representatives of the largest South African mining house yesterday in the first talks between the two sides since the country's biggest strike began eight days ago.

The talks, which lasted for more than two hours, were intended to prevent further outbreaks of violence at mine properties, which so far have caused at least 240 injuries among black miners and led to the arrest of 200 others.

It is believed that the union and the management wanted to avert possible clashes today at the Vaal Reef gold mine, where the Anglo American Corporation has threatened to dismiss 2,000 workers if they do not return to work.

Before the talks sources at Anglo American and the National Union of Mineworkers hinted that discussions could broaden to talks about the pay dispute itself.

"This is the first round of talks and as far as we are concerned there are no limits to the discussion," said one Anglo American official. The company's gold and coal mines have been the most affected during the stoppage.

Yesterday's talks occurred hours after clashes between chemical workers at the Sasol fuel-processing plant outside Johannesburg. At least one person was killed and two injured in fighting among some of the 15,000 workforce.

The Chemical Industrial Workers' Union had called a strike for yesterday over demands for a holiday on May 1 and on June 16, the anniversary of the Soweto student uprising of 1976.

Tradition flouted by Lange

From Richard Long Wellington

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, cancelled his weekly post-Cabinet press conferences yesterday, breaking a tradition dating back to the days of the Second World War.

Mr Lange, who won a comfortable election victory at the weekend after a campaign in which he was criticized for verbal clashes with protesters, said he was cancelling the conferences because they were "adversarial".

In future, he would hold press conferences only when he had something in particular to say or when there were a number of requests.

Last year Mr Lange cancelled his post-caucus press conferences, which were also a tradition in New Zealand.

Mr Jim Bolger, the Opposition leader, said he would reinstate the press conferences when he won the 1993 election. He said Mr Lange's advisers had clearly decided that packaged news presented through a propaganda team was safer than letting the Prime Minister face difficult questions from reporters.

Mr Barry Soper, chairman of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, deplored the move, saying it was a break with democratic tradition. He said gallery officers would meet Mr Lange today to ask him to reconsider.

The regular press conference has been an institution in New Zealand since the first Labour government in the Second World War.

Mr Lange rejected suggestions that the move reflected his Government's policy of openness.

Child survives horror of US crash

From Charles Bremner New York

A girl aged four, pulled from debris in a critical condition with serious burns, was the only passenger out of 153 to survive as a fully-loaded MD80 airliner, its rear engines belching flames, smashed into a motorway flyover and exploded moments after take-off from Detroit on Sunday night.

At least two people on the ground also died, and six were injured.

The Northwest Airlines crash was the equal second worst in the United States and the first American airliner disaster for two years. It came in the midst of a national outcry over aviation safety, brought on by a rash of near-collisions and a widespread belief that operators have lowered standards in the rush for passengers.

Northwest, a big carrier based in the Mid-West, has been plagued by disputes with ground mechanics in recent months. The Federal Bureau of Investigation had been inquiring into vandalism to aircraft and was called in after the crash, although officials said their presence was "routine".

Witnesses, including controllers in the tower at Detroit's Metro Airport, described how Flight 255 to Phoenix and Los Angeles faltered on take-off in clear weather at 8.45pm. Fire was streaming from one or both of its two tail-mounted engines. The plane dipped its right wing as it took off, then rocked back on its left wing, failing to gain height.

The wing sliced through the roof of a car-hire firm, before the plane careered under parallel flyovers carrying the Detroit-Chicago motorway, busy with cars returning from the weekend. It exploded in a fireball and scattered wreckage hundreds of yards. The dead and injured were mainly on Middlebelt Road, under the highway, where the remains of the fuselage came to rest. Officials said the pilot had time to radio a distress call while wrestling to save his craft, an updated version of the DC9. As news of the crash spread, police had to surround the site to prevent looting. Six men were arrested for trying to steal valuables from the debris.

Mr Tony Atkins, who was driving along Middlebelt Road when the MD80 came down, said: "There was a big noise. It hit the viaduct and went boom. There were bits and pieces flying everywhere, a lot of car accidents. It was raining parts, clothes, luggage, parts of bodies, everything."

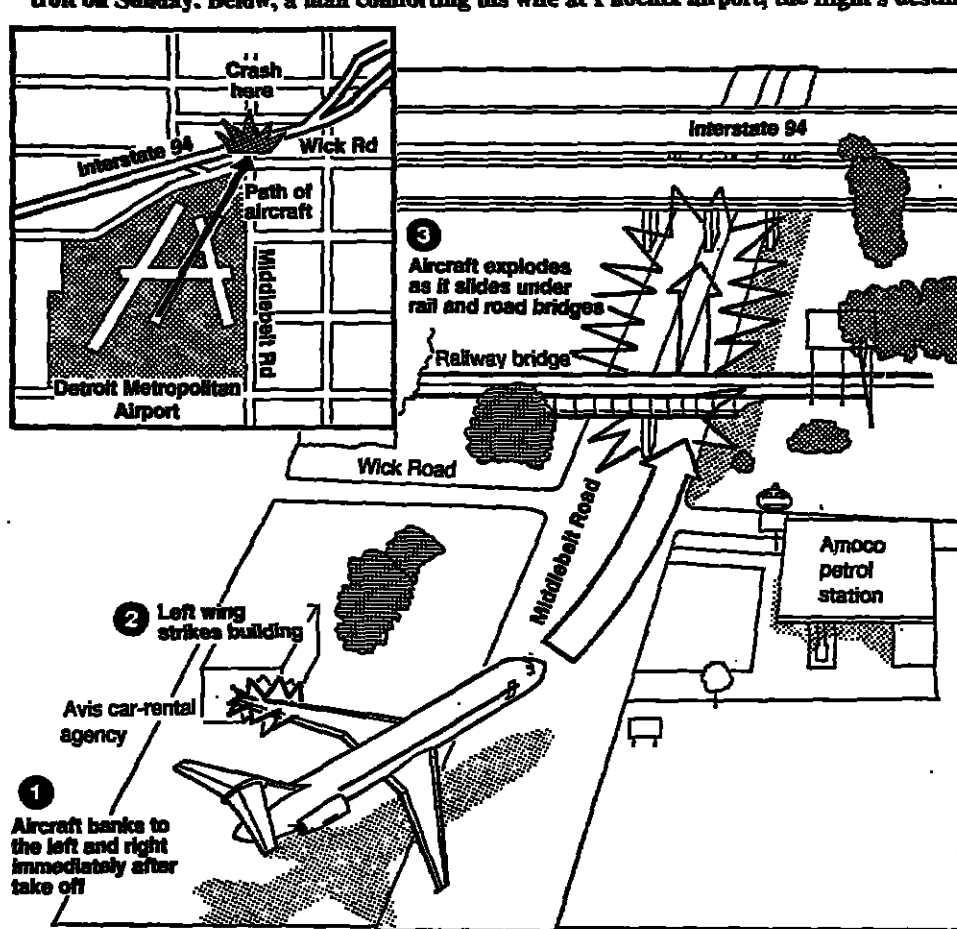
Several witnesses described their horror as they watched passengers struggling to free themselves from the burning fuselage. "You could see people jumping out of the windows and on fire and falling back down," said an airport employee.

Stunned relatives and friends of the victims gathered in Phoenix, Detroit and Los Angeles, the final destination of the flight. The plane was carrying 144 passengers, six crew and three non-working airline employees.

The crash was the worst since 1982, when 153 people were killed aboard a Pan Am jet in Louisiana. The worst US disaster was the crash of a DC10 in Chicago in 1979 which killed 275.



Wreckage and bodies covered by sheets scattered across Middlebelt Road after an airliner crashed on a motorway underpass after taking off from Detroit on Sunday. Below, a man comforting his wife at Phoenix airport, the flight's destination, after they learnt that a relative had missed the plane.



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Toll of world's worst air disasters

New York (AP) — The world's worst commercial aviation disasters in order of death tolls were:

March 3, 1974: Turkish DC10 crashed 26 miles north-east of Paris, killing 346.
June 23, 1985: Air India Boeing 747 crashed off the coast of Ireland, killing 329.
August 19, 1980: 301 people died during a fiery emergency landing of a Saudi Arabian L1011 at Riyadh airport, Saudi Arabia.

May 25, 1979: American Airlines DC10 crashed on take-off in Chicago, killing 275.
September 1, 1983: 269 people died when a Korean Air 747 was shot down by a Soviet fighter near Sakhalin Island.

US task force in Gulf

Helicopter crews practise mine-hunting

From Robert Fisk Dubai

The mine-hunting helicopter crews of the 18,000-ton American carrier Guadalcanal came to the Gulf so untrained in anti-mine warfare that they spent much of yesterday practicing flying off Bahrain, but unable to track for mines in the sea-lanes to the north.

Although the ship was expected to start work at once, clearing mines in the narrow channels along which the next US-escorted convoy is to travel from Kuwait, she moved scarcely 10 nautical miles during the day — and then only towards Bahrain. Naval sources in the Gulf states said the Guadalcanal's eight Sea Stallion helicopters had not been used for mine-hunting since the Vietnam war, and their crews would have to continue flying in pairs on practice missions before using sonar equipment to search for

mines in the path of the convoy.

The Americans are not vulnerable to mines only at the north-western end of the Gulf. Three US frigates passed through the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf yesterday morning in line astern behind a Saudi-registered gas carrier, the three vessels keeping exactly in the wake of the merchant ship and using her as protection against mines. It was the first time the Americans had adopted this practice — which is now operational policy near Kuwait — so far down the Gulf.

The fear of mines now dominates all the navies and merchant fleets in the region. Fourteen miles off Khor Fakkan yesterday, the Russians could also be seen using the same method of mine protection for one of their frigates as the Americans adopted off Kuwait last month. Soviet seamen, barefoot and

half-naked in the morning heat, wearing blue shorts and blue peaked caps, could clearly be seen along the deck rails, holding AK47 assault rifles, ready to shoot at mines if they were seen near their vessel.

Meanwhile, Omani shipping agents reported that tanker captains were bringing their vessels to Omani anchorages from the waters off Fujairah and Khor Fakkan where six men, including a Briton, died when a mine struck their supply boat on Saturday. It seems unlikely, however, that Omani waters would remain any safer than the Emirates anchorage if ships began to use them in large numbers.

Reports that a Soviet salvage ship was shadowing the Guadalcanal off Bahrain yesterday appeared to be untrue — there were no Russian vessels within miles of the helicopter carrier. But Soviet frigates

remain moored along the Gulf sea-lanes, listening in to the radio traffic of the American warships. A number of tanker captains said yesterday that their radios had been subject to strong interference over the previous 24 hours and that they thought that this had been caused by US Navy "jamming", perhaps to cover the movements of the Guadalcanal.

It is at least a relief for the Iraqis that neither the Iraqis nor the Iraqis have resumed their air attacks on Gulf shipping, although that moment may not be far away.

Baghdad yesterday accused the Iraqis of bombarding the southern city of Basra during the night, claiming that three civilians had been killed and four others wounded by 42 shells which fell on residential areas. The Iraqis said they had been firing at the Iraqi military port of Um Qasr.

In Tehran, the Iraqis continued to display the coffins of pilgrims killed in Mecca earlier this month, taking advantage of the rare presence of foreign journalists to demonstrate outside the former US Embassy in the city.

During a march clearly designed as propaganda in front of Western television cameras, up to 2,000 Iraqis carried the coffins of 37 of the dead to the front gate of the embassy, shouting anti-Saudi, anti-American and anti-Israeli slogans.

The remarks directed against the Saudis — "chop off (King) Fahd's hands," one of their banners read — show that the campaign against the Saudi monarchy has not been smothered in Tehran, despite Riyadh's attempts to restore good relations after the hundreds of deaths in Mecca.

Zimbabwe reassures its whites

From Michael Hartnack Harare

Zimbabwe's Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr Edmore Zvobgo, has assured the country's 140,000 whites that they will not lose all political influence with the removal of their 20 House of Assembly seats.

Dr Zvobgo, who will introduce the second reading of the Constitutional Amendment Bill this week, designed to overhaul the British-drafted 1980 independence Constitution, said: "We are not disenfranchising the whites."

In a local television interview, Dr Zvobgo said the existing division of seats, with 80 for Zimbabwe's nine million blacks and 20 for 140,000 whites, meant the latter were "over-represented by 900 per cent" in relation to their numbers. "I believe that whites now that they will be removed from the white roll and placed on the common roll, will find greater representation than they enjoyed hitherto," he said.

As a result of recent white defections to the ruling Zanu (PF) party, the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, is certain of the 70 votes he needs for constitutional change. Under the Lancaster House agreement which ended the Rhodesian war, Mr Mugabe was bound to retain the white seats for the first seven years of independence.

He confirmed that further legislation would be introduced soon to replace the Westminster-style prime ministerial system with an executive presidency.

● Envoys killed: North Korea's ambassador to Zimbabwe, Mr Li Ju Ok, died at the wheel of his car on Saturday when it left the road and overturned near the town of Marondera. His wife was seriously injured. No other vehicle was involved, police said.

Stage set for Saudi arms row

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan is expected to confront Congress soon with a \$1 billion (£0.6 billion) plan to sell arms to Saudi Arabia, including 1,600 Maverick anti-tank missiles and more than a dozen of the latest F15 fighter planes.

The plan is bound to lead to a bitter clash between the White House and Democratic-controlled Congress. But the Administration believes the worsening threat posed by Iran to oil flows through the Gulf strengthens its argument for stepping up arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

The proposed package is virtually identical to one the Administration was forced to withdraw in June because of stiff congressional opposition. Senior officials quoted yesterday said the Administration would notify Congress of the plan shortly after it returns

from the summer recess on September 9. One official told *The Washington Post* that the timing was dictated by the situation in the Gulf and the need to give sufficient time for consultations with Congress before the current session ends, which could be as early as October.

He denied that the Administration was seeking the advantage of surprise by moving swiftly after the congressional recess. He said the components of the package had been discussed informally with key members of Congress, American Jewish leaders and the Israeli Government.

There is considerable hostility towards Saudi Arabia on Capitol Hill. Many congressmen argue that America has done enough to get the Middle East peace process moving,

and contend that the Saudis refuse to allow increased US military facilities on their soil. There is also anger that they maintain high oil prices.

The pro-Israel lobby has consistently and fiercely opposed the sale of sophisticated US weapons to Arab frontline states that refuse to make peace with Israel. Administration officials contend, however, that Saudi Arabia has co-operated with the US in certain key military areas but cannot do so publicly because of domestic and regional political considerations.

The sale of between 12 and 14 of the latest F15s sparked particular controversy when the Administration last proposed it. Under the present plan the Saudis would be able to buy electronic equipment to upgrade existing F15s as well as 150 M60 A1 tanks.

11,000 tons geared to carry Sea Stallions

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Guadalcanal, the latest American warship assigned to the Gulf, was built for storming beachheads. Its new mission is to be a platform for mine-hunting helicopters.

The 11,000-ton Iwo Jima-class amphibious assault ship resembles a small aircraft carrier, and usually has a complement of 48 officers and 638 enlisted men.

It can embark 1,746 troops, or a Marine battalion landing team, plus a reinforced squadron of CH43 transport helicopters and support personnel. But in its new Gulf role, it will carry eight Sea Stallion minesweeping helicopters and their personnel, recently airlifted to the ship from the United States.

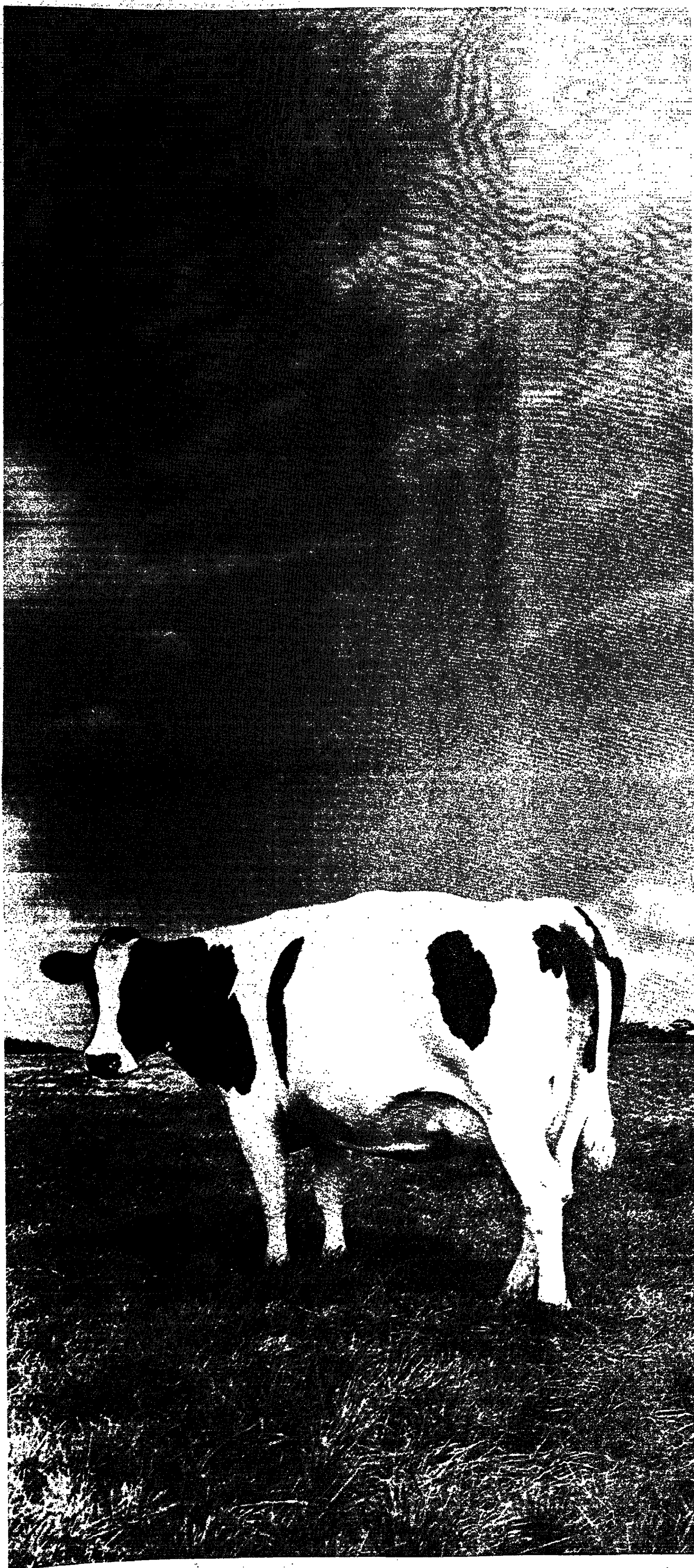
Unofficial naval experts estimate that about 300 people

will be required to crew and maintain the Sea Stallions.

The helicopters, among the largest in the Western world, drag sledge-like devices through the sea to catch and destroy mines. Four Sea Stallions can take off or land on the Guadalcanal's flight decks simultaneously. The warship's hangar decks can accommodate 11 helicopters.

The ship has a distinguished record. It has been on station during several crises in the Middle East. In 1976 it spent more than three months off the coast of Lebanon assisting the evacuation of Americans and other foreigners.

It also provided stand-by hospital facilities for American and foreign leaders at the funeral of President Sadat of Egypt in 1981.



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Execution party

Like a routed army, the Scottish Tory party is sparring no one in defeat. First, central policy makers came under fire from a leading local politician who pressed for a proportionally elected Scottish Senate. Now the deputy chairman wants to change the foot soldiers. Sir Donald Maclean has written to all on the 130-strong approved candidates list informing them he is winding it up. They will have to re-apply if they wish to join a new, improved and longer list. The first selection weekend is to be held at a hotel in Peebles in November (registration fee £50) and a second meeting will follow in the spring. Candidates I spoke to yesterday blamed the Tories' humiliation in June on the creaking party machine in Edinburgh and were furious at being made scapegoats. Sir Donald told me his revamp carried no such implication: "The plan has been known within the party for a little time. It was in hand before June 11." Tell that to the troops.

George Orwell would have appreciated the poignancy of the moment. David Owen less so. SDP national secretary Dick Newby's first act on returning from holiday in Devon yesterday was to order the removal of every portrait of Owen from the party's Cowley Street HQ. "They seemed inappropriate," he told me.

Micro-mess

The Young Social Democrats, whose current turmoil is a microcosm of their elders' problems, have come up with a typically confusing compromise in their own leadership row. Having last month called on Peter Dunphy to resign as chairman, its national committee decided at the weekend to allow him to stay on. He will not, however, be allowed to exert any of his constitutional powers, such as speaking on behalf of the outfit and chairing its meetings. Yesterday, one of Dunphy's opponents, Jon Bamforth, assured me: "The decision will stop Peter continuing to use the organization as a springboard for merger." Dunphy, however, remained equally sure that a majority of Young Social Democrats would come round to sharing his vision of a merged party.

Marqued man

Anyone who thinks our diplomats are extravagant should take comfort from the newly arrived press attaché at the British embassy in Moscow. Andrew Tucker has just taken delivery of new Niva, the small Soviet-made four-wheel-drive vehicle. But if he had any thoughts of merging into the crowd he will be disappointed. Cars belonging to foreign residents in Moscow carry special licence plates: D for diplomat, K for correspondent and so on, followed by a number which identifies the country. Britain is 001 — of course.

Immovable

You have heard of the religious statues that miraculously move — now here's one that won't. For the past few years pilgrims have been making their way to a mountain pass in County Mayo to worship at a pagan shrine Christianized by St Patrick in 441. The site has generated so much interest since it was revived as a place of pilgrimage in 1979 that a new statue of St Patrick was commissioned to adorn it. But the statue, a ton of solid limestone, is proving almost impossible to transport to its mountain home. The shrine committee is now waiting for fine weather and a helicopter strong enough to lift it from the monumental mason's yard where it has languished for almost a year.

BARRY FANTONI



Are you going to Scarborough Fair? Parsley, sage, rosemary and... soccer hooligans...

Glazenost

Scientists are fond of saying how their work crosses international boundaries, uniting the world in the quest for knowledge. Yet there are still obstacles. Trevor Howes, at Bristol University's engineering department, has just reported to his masters at the Science and Engineering Research Council on the progress made by a Chinese scientist who came over to help out with a project on ceramics. Howes says that while the visiting scientist undoubtedly made considerable progress at Bristol, nobody quite knows in what direction since no one could understand a word he said. The visitor is now back in China setting up a team to continue his investigations.

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Michael Evans records a revealing episode in the career of Peter Wright

The man from Room 055

With hindsight, it was an extraordinary meeting, held in the comfortable surroundings of a gentleman's club and all very *entre nous*. It was October 1969. In one armchair was a Labour backbencher who had tried to mount a secret parliamentary coup to topple the prime minister, Harold Wilson. In the other was a man from Whitehall who now claims that he was invited, five years later, to collaborate in a more subversive plot against Wilson.

The politician was Christopher Mayhew, now Lord Mayhew, who had been Navy minister in the Wilson government and was now feeling disillusioned after seeing his plans to replace Wilson with Roy Jenkins falter, despite widespread backbench support, when James Callaghan, in whom Mayhew had confided, decided to take an independent course. The man from Whitehall had arranged the meeting after writing a somewhat cryptic letter out of the blue. His name was Peter Wright.

It was only recently that Mayhew recalled the meeting at his club nearly 18 years ago. He found the letter buried in his files at his home in Wimbledon. Wright had written from Room 055 at the Ministry of Defence, an address that was instantly familiar to Mayhew, since he had an intelligence background in the war as a member of the Special Operations Executive (SOE).

Wright wrote: "I should be very glad to have an opportunity to talk to you on certain matters which concern my particular work."

They met for tea at the Oxford and Cambridge Club. Mayhew recalls that Wright was dressed in a dark suit, was very polite, and took meticulous notes throughout the interview, which lasted for about 45 minutes.

By the time the meeting was over, Mayhew had gained the impression that it was a personal rather than official initiative and that Wright was obsessed about something. The letter and their conversation provided an insight into the personality of the man from M15 which at the time meant little, but which now adds to the stock of Wright memorabilia.

Wright wanted to know about Guy Burgess and his persistent questions amounted almost to interrogation. Today Mayhew believes that Wright was scratching around for evidence against his former chief. Sir Roger Hollis, director-general of M15 between 1956 and 1965 and suspected by Wright and other senior members of the Security Service, of being a Soviet mole.

Mayhew's main contact with Burgess had been in 1948 when he

Dear Mr. Mayhew,

I understand that you have on different occasions in the past had conversations with members of this Department, amongst them David Jhyte. I should be very glad to have an opportunity to talk to you on certain matters which concern my particular work. If you could possibly spare me some of your time I should be most grateful.

If you are willing to see me would you kindly suggest a time convenient to you. I could meet you anywhere that suited you provided we would be in reasonable privacy.

Yours sincerely,
Peter M. Wright



The cryptic letter that came out of the blue and took Mayhew (left) to a meeting with Wright that turned into something of an interrogation

was parliamentary under-secretary at the Foreign Office. Well versed in Soviet affairs, he had warned the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, that the West was failing to counter Stalinist propaganda, particularly in the Third World. Mayhew was given permission to set up a secret unit in the Foreign Office, called the Information Research Department, to mount an ideological offensive against Stalinism.

As he recounts in his recent autobiography, *Time to Explain* (which also sheds fresh light on a number of other issues including the Palestinian question and the first moves towards the Liberal-SDP Alliance), Mayhew was one day offered a new recruit by the minister of state, Hector McNair, who suggested his personal assistant, Guy Burgess. Since Burgess had a "dazzling insight into Soviet propaganda", Mayhew took him on, only to dismiss him not long after, musing on his file that he was "dirty, drunken and idle".

But in the meeting between Wright and Mayhew in October 1969, the M15 officer revealed that Mayhew's name had appeared, with others, on the back of an invitation card found in Burgess's flat when he fled to the Soviet Union in 1951. Mayhew says: "Wright asked me to account for this. I asked why this question had not been put to me 18 years ago and Wright replied that, owing to an unfortunate oversight, M15 had failed to look on the back of the card. I told him I did not believe that for a moment and it was then that I suddenly felt Wright suspected me."

The suspicion was compounded when Wright then began to ask about a visit Mayhew had made to the Soviet Union in 1935. He wanted all the names of his fellow passengers on the Intourist trip. Mayhew was happy to pass on what he could remember. "I told him there was Harry Pollitt, the general secretary of the Communist Party, my school-

friend David Nenck and the arts master at our school, Wilfred Blunt. Also Wilfred's brother, Anthony, who had held my legs as I leaned out of my hotel window to take a forbidden photograph of the Kremlin. Of course, none of us knew that Blunt was a spy," says Mayhew.

"As I now know, Wright had already been interviewing Anthony Blunt, on and off, for several years. His curiosity about the smallest details of my 34-year-old trip to Russia struck me then, and still strikes me, as obsessive."

Wright surprised Mayhew at one point by reminding him that on the voyage back from the Soviet Union he had made a stalwart anti-Stalinist speech during a ship-board debate. "Blunt must have told him this," he said.

Wright never mentioned Hollis. Yet in his search for material to back up his case against the former M15 chief, he must have been party to one snippet of information, with his obsessively suspicious mind, could have linked Mayhew to some dark conspiracy.

Mayhew had played golf with Hollis on a few occasions at Denham golf club in Buckinghamshire in the late 1950s. Hollis invited him to lunch and asked him if he would be prepared to meet two of his people, Mayhew, who at that time was chairman of the British Council's Soviet Relations Committee, agreed. He met two "young and engaging characters" who proposed that he keep an eye on certain Labour MPs. Mayhew declined. He was committed to exposing the infiltration of the extreme left into the Labour Party but he did not want the added responsibility of working for M15.

"If Hollis had been a Soviet mole, as Wright believes, why on earth would he try to recruit me?" Mayhew now asks. "The Russians hated me. They knew all about my work with IRD because Burgess would have told them. They had even tried to put pressure on the Foreign Office to have me removed as chairman of the Soviet Relations Committee."

After the meeting in October 1969 Mayhew never heard from Wright again. But, ironically, Mayhew's reasons for trying to stage a coup against Wilson included his suspicions about some of Wilson's friends and contacts. He was not to know that, many years later, his "interrogator" from Room 055, would be making highly publicized allegations of an M15 plot against Wilson for exactly the same reasons.

Time to Explain, Hutchinson, £12.95.

Alan Ryan

Hawke's lesson for Labour

Life on the left has had something of a surreal quality since June 11. An Alliance devoted to the virtues of consensus has displayed a capacity for fission, while a Labour movement attached to class solidarity has started to flirt with electoral reform and coalition politics. That all this causes hardly a ripple of excitement is only partly due to the fact that Parliament isn't sitting. Mostly, it is because the left is gloomily conscious that nothing short of economic catastrophe is going to give it a chance of political power in the next five years.

So long as unemployment trickles gently downwards, and the economy grows at 2 or 3 per cent per annum, the government is safe for the foreseeable future. It is no wonder that some of the moderate left look wistfully Down Under: there it is the Labor government which seems safe for the foreseeable future.

While Bob Hawke backs in the affections of the press and big business, the conservative opposition busily tears itself to pieces; the Liberal-National Party coalition which had so successfully shut Labor out of office for most of the post-war era was last year broken apart by Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen's belated ambition to do to all Australia what he had done to Queensland. The coalition is now painfully putting itself together.

But the closer one gets to a Labor-ambitious Australia, the more ambiguous its implications for the British left appear. Neil Kinnock was criticized for running an election campaign which was long on charm and short on substance. Hawke's campaign made Kinnock's look like a model of Gladstonian high-mindedness. It was floated on a tide of advertising jingles and quite stunning wit. Its intellectual and political content was almost nil.

The product that was being sold was the prime minister's personality. More even than Mrs Thatcher, Hawke has learnt to turn ambiguous personal qualities to advantage; like her, he trades on the electorate's belief that toughness is a mark of honesty, and that the prime minister's job is to administer strong medicine to a country which is reluctant to take it. Unlike her, he has turned the softer side of his nature to advantage too — a tendency to burst into tears reveals the "sentimental bloke" admired in Australian literature.

Still, measured against bread and butter issues, personality is pretty unimportant. Unless the Australian electorate felt that the Hawke government was more likely than its rivals to deliver the economic goods, it would remain deaf to the jingles. It is that aspect of things, however, that truly reveals how little comfort the British left can derive from the Australian example.

Many of Australia's anxieties are at first sight remote from ours; the economy depends on the

export of raw materials in a way the British economy never has. But the problems of adjustment to change aren't so strikingly different; Australian coal, for instance, comfortably undercuts ours on the world market — but it is still comparatively expensive, especially when the world price has dropped by a third. And though the Hawke government is more careful of the miners' feelings than Mrs Thatcher's, its views are the same as her's. Australian coal mines must compete or close down; it is not the government's job to subsidize them, or to impose high energy costs on the whole economy in order to keep the coal industry going.

The taste for privatization which has so taken over here hasn't struck in the same way, partly, of course, because most of the things a British government can sell off belong to the separate Australian states; but plans for deregulation and the introduction of competition certainly have. The notoriously over-protected and absurdly expensive airline, to be opened up in the near future.

The lesson is that a left-of-centre government in Australia has similar ambitions to a right-of-centre government here. (What is more, if you look across the Tasman, the newly re-elected Labor government of David Lange makes both Bob Hawke and Mrs Thatcher look like wets.) Of course, there are lots of differences; but, in Australia, as here, the government is desperately trying to squeeze the social security budget; in Australia, as here, the government is kept short of money, constantly asked whether its research is in the national interest, whether it is teaching useful subjects. Perhaps the greatest difference is that a benign effect of having a socialist government doing all this is that it provokes the trade unions to thought rather than to resentment or despair.

The Australian TUC, which has done gallant work for the sake of keeping up employment, has recently produced a report on a "consensual" system of economic management — but although the report points to social-democratic ideas, it is an example to follow, it points to conservative Australia as another, and insists that the point of government intervention in the economy is to increase flexibility, improve job mobility, and make the market work better, not to abolish it.

The British left has, I hope, little to learn from the electoral tactics of Bob Hawke, and can, I fear, only conclude from his economic strategy that no government has much room for manoeuvre. But it might also conclude, if it ever thought otherwise, that a trade union movement with a well-informed enthusiasm for change would be a useful ally.

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however... Henry Stanhope

Bombarded by hound dogs

I would like to dismiss any suggestion that my absence from last weekend's Haj to Memphis, Tennessee, had anything to do with the presence in this country of Madonna, that contemporary little Virgin of the Rocks. It had much more to do with the Army.

The Army gets blamed for a lot of things unfairly, from putting a whole generation off shepherd's pie to ordering boots with pimples in the leather so that recruits could spend their entire time in training flattening them out with the backs of heated spoons. During my National Service we were once blamed for shelling a German village, on the grounds that the war had ended ten years before.

But the Army's culpability for implanting in my soul a lifelong detestation of Elvis Presley cannot easily be shrugged off. Had I therefore happened to be in Tennessee last weekend I would have done all I could to get away.

My intention to serve Queen and country coincided with the birth of rock 'n' roll. Until that time, it should be said, pop music had been something one could take or leave. No doubt they swooned in Bradford on hearing Bing Crosby on *Housewives' Choice*. Perhaps future historians will decide that the victory at El Alamein owed less to General Montgomery than Vera Lynn.

But you could usually switch off and walk away. I am willing to concede that *You are My Sunshine*, my earliest memory of what might be described as pop music, would have made strong men cringe and seek help, if played often enough at close quarters. But the dosage was rarely excessive or inescapable.

The trouble with being in the Army was that you had to stand your ground without once flinching. Day in, day out, and often into the far reaches of the night, the sound of Elvis Presley's *Blue Suede Shoes* pulsed round the barracks rooms of West Germany. *You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog*, *Love Me Tender*, *Are You Lonesome Tonight*... I subliminally learned them all.

The monotonous beat-halfbeat choed and re-choed like jungle drums round Nato, interspersed with Bill Haley and his Comets rocking round the clock and ads

for somebody or other's Fixed Odds Pools. Radio Luxembourg had a lot to answer for.

One fellow conscript had done time in Wormwood Scrubs — "a doddle", he assured me, compared with the Royal Artillery. I knew what he meant: prisoners would never have put up with such a racket.

There were nights when one might almost have detected when the defence of Western culture seemed unworthy. I have always since understood why the Russians opposed the import of modern pop. Give me a little Cossack dancing or Latvian folk music any day, or songs from the sun-kissed shores of Lake Baikal. No, the Russians knew what they were doing when they opted to stay with Mussorsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. *Jailhouse Rock* indeed... Nyet!

I must confess to a little canker in the soul. I have always felt slightly cheated by missing out as a teenager. Until about the mid-1950s one was at school one day and grown-up at the next. There was no in-between when one had one's own privileges and rights. There was no teenage industry to pamper one's adolescent tastes.

Boys were boys and men were men — and women were women. I'm glad to say. Boys played football and men watched it, while women cleaned their boots or made their tea. Students threw the odd firework on Guy Fawkes night — but that annual rite of counter-revolution was the nearest that most of them got to political thought. As for the National Union of Students, all that did was run the college dances and the bar.

Now whether things changed for the better or the worse is a matter of personal preference. But change they certainly did, and a generation gap began to open. I think it was Elvis Presley who started it all with that shouting and shaking and "tarrarootin'" as Thurber's grandfather might have called it.

So those acolytes of "The King" (as I believe he was known) will understand why I decided against legging it round that dreadful shrine at Graceland. I did, I admit, once go round Beethoven's home in Bonn. Now he could make them shake, rattle and roll when he really got going.

Mary Dejevsky reports on the Afghan veterans' impact on Soviet society



Going home — to disillusionment and official indifference. For the crew of the downed helicopter, a homecoming by coffin

Back from war to shatter the Kremlin myth

dured: above all they crave recognition and reassurance that the war they were fighting is justified, that their sacrifice and that of their comrades has not been in vain. That reassurance is not forthcoming. They encounter instead official indifference, euphemisms about "international duty" and a myth about the Second World War which bears no relation to their experience of combat.

In practice, they find a bureaucracy which has long had little time for dealing with the victims of war. As the veterans of the Second World War grow fewer, so officials with the practical medical knowledge who recognize the need for compassion have also grown fewer. The need for a ground-floor flat, for artificial limbs, for long-term medical care, these are requirements that have to be fought for by the young veterans and their families, often at great psychological and material cost. For the first time they see the reverse side of a system they had believed was on their side.

Nor is Soviet society kind to the less fortunate. Its practical and financial provision for the crippled and the handicapped are defective by any standards. Until recently young people in this category had either to be looked after by their families or confined in an institution, out of sight. That is gradually changing, as it will have to as the Afghan war inflicts more casualties.

Even those, the majority, who

return from Afghanistan uninjured have none the less been changed. They are battle hardened in a way that few Soviet soldiers have been since the Second World War. They have had to face extreme conditions, extreme situations. They have had to choose to fight or surrender, to choose to escape or rescue a comrade. They have seen injury and death. Coming home, they form distinct groups. Some seek out extreme experiences. Others seek to escape into the peace and quiet of the countryside.

Many, having experienced the need for real discipline, lack exactitude, are shocked by the lack of discipline they find at home. They are impatient with machinery and bureaucracy that has been cobbled together. They want to see an efficient streamlined organization.

Many are shocked by the materialism of Soviet society. Some denounce it. Others turn to mysticism in different forms. Others are distressed by the corruption they see around them and join the calls for a thorough purge of bribe-takers and others. Many take their zeal to an extreme which officialdom finds unacceptable.

The Afghan veterans also provide a powerful antidote to the myths about the Second World War that the Soviet state has deliberately built up over the years to sustain a sense of patriotism among its young people. Now,

Soviet society harbours young soldiers who know that war is not a sanitized saga of heroism, but often dirty, brutal and ruthless, and who know that loyalties are not absolutes but may be conflicting.

In time, the dissipation of the Second World War mythology will also to an extent discredit the middle generation of Soviet officials, those who were too young to fight but sustained themselves and their position from remembered heroics. Now a generation that has fought and sacrificed is starting to call their bluff. Some of the automatic respect that was paid to elders and, it was widely accepted, better, is being lost.

Even the official policy of *glasnost* is undermined by the Afghan veterans and their friends and families. They know that what the Soviet media is telling them about Afghanistan is at best a fraction of the truth. At worst, it is a complete misrepresentation of the situation in that country and the Soviet role there. So long as that discrepancy persists, so long as Soviet media coverage of the war, especially by television, is restricted to the good news, *glasnost* will never be wholly credible. So long as half-truths are told about Afghanistan, the suspicion will lurk that half-truths are told about everything else as well.

So far, the Soviet Union's returned veterans have chosen one of three courses. Some return quietly to civilian life and keep their memories to themselves and their families. Others drop out of society and become itinerant workers, seeking their own challenge or their own peace independently, yet others become crusaders for standards they have adopted: discipline, clean living, law and order. Few can wholeheartedly subscribe to the values of the Soviet Union they return to. They represent a challenge to the system, and the longer the war goes on, the greater the challenge will become.

Chile

From Edinburgh
The Chilean writer, Jorge Edwards, landed at Santiago yesterday. Immigration authorities refused him entry to the country until he had the next plane to go home.

The incident came as a surprise. Edwards, who had first been arrested in 1973, has been in exile since he was banished from Chile in 1973. The Government has since then allowed him to return to Chile but not to work. Edwards has been a vocal critic of the Pinochet regime's arbitrary attacks on human rights.

In reality, neither strong international pressure nor the Pope's well-publicized visit have led to an improvement in the human rights situation.

The Roman Catholic Church and human rights organizations have been demanding that the Pinochet regime should allow Edwards to return to Chile and work. Pinochet's attorneys say Edwards is a threat to national security and that he is a communist.

Edwards' return to Chile is expected to be a test case for the Pinochet regime's willingness to accept human rights. Edwards has been a vocal critic of the Pinochet regime's arbitrary attacks on human rights.

Workers strike-hi begins m

AP — Workers' strikes in Chile began yesterday, as the country's largest union, the Codelsa, called for a general strike to protest against the Pinochet regime's human rights record.

The strike was the first in a series of protests against the regime. Codelsa, which represents 100,000 workers, has been demanding that the Pinochet regime should allow Edwards to return to Chile and work.

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Hayward to lodge his appeal

Stockholm — Sweden's Supreme Court is expected to rule on the appeal of a Swedish man, Christopher Mosey, who was convicted of murdering a woman in 1979.

Mosey, who was 21 at the time of the murder, had been sentenced to life imprisonment. He is now 31 and has been in prison for 10 years.

Mosey's appeal was lodged with the Supreme Court on September 1st. The court is expected to rule on the appeal by the end of the year.

Nasa strip

Santiago (Reuters) — Chile and the United States officially agreed a controversial Nasa agreement, handing strip on Easter Island for US space forces.

Fume deaths

St John's, Newfoundland (Reuters) — The bodies of three women, who inhaled what was believed to be toxic fumes, were removed from a house tonight here.

Mine blast

Nelson (Reuters) — At least 25 miners died after a explosion in a coal mine in the south-west province of Chile, the Chile Daily said.

Corpses arrest

Philadelphia (Reuters) — A man hunted for a week when his mutilated body was discovered after a tip-off to police by a mother.

Soares team

Lisbon (Reuters) — Portugal's President Soares was sworn in as president in a unique ceremony to make profound economic reforms.

Boycott ends

Geneva (Reuters) — A boycott of Swiss goods has ended after a meeting in Bern and are now taking place on the streets.

Nice to see you

London (Reuters) — A video link has been opened between Leningrad and Moscow.

Pinochet regime unmoved by international or papal pressure

Chile keeps cavalier approach to human rights

From Eduardo Cofe, Santiago

When the Chilean writer, Señor Ariel Dorfman, landed at Santiago airport from the United States two weeks ago, immigration authorities refused to let him enter the country and put him on the next plane to Buenos Aires.

The incident came as a surprise. He had visited Chile on four occasions since he had first been allowed to re-enter his homeland in 1983, following 10 years of exile. Although the Government reversed its decision and allowed Señor Dorfman into Chile last week, the incident illustrated the military regime's arbitrary attitude towards the whole issue of human rights.

In reality, neither strong international pressure nor the Pope's recent, well-publicized visit have led to an improvement in the country's human rights situation.

The Roman Catholic Church, human rights organizations and Western diplomats agree that the 14-year-old regime of General Augusto Pinochet continues systematically to torture, kidnap, arrest, exile and kill its political enemies.

Señor Enrique Palet, secretary-general of the Vicariate of Solidarity, the highly respected human rights branch of the Church in Chile, says: "In practice, the President of the Republic has the legal means to do what he wants, when he wants, and with whom he wants, without having to account for his

actions before any judicial, administrative or political body."

While the sharp decline of mass protest rallies against the regime has led to a decrease in human rights violations in all areas, except torture, during the first six months of this year, the recent deaths of 12 anti-government militants at the hands of the secret police has raised new concern over the issue.

In a 17-hour period last June, a dozen people died in five separate incidents involving forces of the National Information Centre (CNI), the Chilean secret police.

Two victims were shot in the back while walking on the street; three others were killed after police opened fire on their homes; and three women and four men died when the house they were occupying was stormed by officers.

The Government contends all the victims were terrorists belonging to the Manuel Rodríguez Patriotic Front, the armed branch of the Chilean Communist Party, and were killed in an armed struggle with information centre agents, who had come to arrest them. But the official version is unanimously discounted by neighbours who witnessed the incidents, human rights groups, and independent observers.

"Let it be clear. The 12 belonged to the Manuel Rodríguez Patriotic Front," said Señor Roberto Garretón, a lawyer with the Vicariate of Solidarity. "But let it also be clear that they did not die in an



General Pinochet maintaining a firm grip on opposition groups armed confrontation. They were assassinated.

The episode occurred when the regime was trying to improve the tarnished image of its secret police. Under an agreement signed last year by the Government, International Red Cross doctors are allowed to visit prisoners to determine whether they have been tortured by the centre's agents.

The reports may be released in their entirety by the Government, an option it has chosen not to exercise so far. In the spring, however, it announced that the centre would now put terrorist suspects into police custody — a decision, observers believe, which indicated that evidence of torture had been uncovered.

"Although the CNI no longer

had the right to detain prisoners, no one has taken away the right to kill them," a Western diplomat remarked wryly in a reference to the 12 dead militants.

The Government claims the human rights campaign is part of a Marxist-inspired terrorist effort to destabilize the regime. Officials point to the huge arms caches uncovered in 1986, and a subsequent attempt on General Pinochet's life last September.

Señor Ambrosio Rodríguez Quiros, the Government's leading anti-terrorist agent, said: "Terrorism is a worldwide phenomenon, but in Chile it is Marxist."

Government officials categorically deny charges that the security forces systematically violate prisoners' rights.

When such violations still occur, they say, those responsible are severely punished — in some cases with the death penalty.

"Torture does not exist in Chile," Señor Alberto Cardemil, the Deputy Interior Minister, said at his office in La Moneda, the presidential palace. "Such a practice has never been permitted or tolerated, much less organized, by the Government."

Nevertheless, statistics released by the Vicariate of Solidarity, whose work was praised by the Pope during his visit, showed that torture, illegal arrest, and deaths resulting from police beatings continue. In the first six months of this year, the Vicariate has verified 51 cases of torture. There were 28

cases during the same period in 1986, and 26 cases in the first six months of 1985.

There were 1,227 arbitrary arrests during the first six months of 1987, considerably lower than the 3,411 arrests recorded from January to June of last year. The difference is explained by the lack of massive street protests, as the police have clamped down since the attempt of General Pinochet's life.

Of the 1,227 arrests this year, only 95 cases have been brought before the courts and of these, only five involved torture of terrorists. Señor Palet says: "This indicates that the reason for the repression is not the fight against terrorism, as the Government claims, but the fight against political ideas."

The extent of the human rights problem is evident in the latest report from the Chilean Human Rights Commission. It says that one-third of all human rights violations recorded since the new Constitution was approved in 1981 took place last year, a result of increased repression and a reimposition of the state of siege after the assassination attempt. The measure was lifted in January, in anticipation of the papal visit, and has not been reinstated.

The Commission's figures are significantly higher than those of the Vicariate, which only reports cases it has verified first-hand. The report cites 58 deaths at the hands of security forces in 1986, including eight people killed in armed confrontations with police. It says

the security forces made more than 33,000 arbitrary arrests, and lists 256 cases of torture.

The Dorfman case has renewed interest in exiles, one of the thorniest human rights issues confronting the regime. The number of Chileans officially prohibited from returning home has been steadily reduced from 3,500 a year ago to 577 now, with a further fall expected to bring the number to less than 200. Nevertheless, it now seems unlikely that the Government will be able to eliminate the list entirely.

Señor Cardemil said: "The exile problem has been resolved." He admitted that the remaining 200 names represented the most difficult cases.

Human rights groups say the actual number of exiles, including family members and those whose life would be in danger if they returned, is much greater than claimed by the regime.

As Chile prepares to observe its 14th anniversary without democracy, political activists do not expect any significant improvement in the human rights situation. Many fear increasing violence during the delicate period before a national plebiscite to choose the next President.

"How many people are going to die in Chile?" Señor Garretón, the human rights lawyer, asks rhetorically. "As many as are necessary to paralyse the opposition without reaching a point that would compromise the stability of the dictatorship."

Protest fizzles out in Panama

From David Gollob, Panama City

An attempted show of force by opponents of General Manuel Noriega, Panama's *de facto* military ruler, appeared to fizzle out yesterday as shops and businesses in the capital ignored a call for a 24-hour shutdown, the third such protest in two months.

Streets in the city centre were congested with rush-hour traffic on Monday morning, and only one shop in four was closed in the main commercial district. The windows of many shops and businesses, however, were boarded up in anticipation of street violence.

The banks — one of the twin pillars of the country's once-thriving economy, the other being the Panama Canal — opened for business as usual. But at many, up to half the employees stayed at home in support of the shutdown.

Opposition leaders had gloomily predicted that the shutdown would not have the impact of the two business strikes that paralysed the country's economy for several days in June and July.

"We cannot go on committing hara-kiri," said Señor Guillermo Fernández, manager of a chemical plant and an active member in the opposition National Civilianist Crusade.

The opposition is demanding the resignation of General Noriega, free elections and an investigation into charges of corruption in the military and ballot-rigging in the 1984 elections.

Meanwhile, President del Valle has taken measures clearly calculated to rally the support of the lower classes. About 100,000 government employees are to receive a bonus this month at a cost to the country of \$30 million, and school fees have been abolished.

These moves come at a time when the Government has been forced to negotiate a 90-day suspension on the payments of its \$3.5 billion foreign debt.

MANAGUA: The Sandinista Government launched a public relations campaign yesterday to show that an opposition group had overstepped its "legal and moral bounds" (A Correspondent writes).

The Interior Ministry jailed Señor Lino Hernández, executive secretary of the Permanent Commission on Human Rights, and Señor Alberto Saborio, of the Conservative Party, for 30 days for joining an outdoor demonstration on Saturday that challenged the Government to define the present limits of freedom here.

Workers fight police as strike-hit South Korea begins military exercise

Seoul (AP) — Thousands of South Korean workers clashed with riot police yesterday in the industrial city of Ulsan, which has been hit by strikes, as the Government launched a big military exercise to cope with growing threats "within and without".

At least 30 demonstrators were injured when police fired tear gas to stop workers, all from six companies run by the Hyundai group, marching into central streets, news reports said.

Three hours of violence began after the management blocked the gate of the country's largest shipyard with steel plates.

The barricades were intended to keep out workers who were demanding that management should reverse its decision yesterday to suspend operations and halt pay indefinitely, said Yonhap, the South Korean news agency. It said the suspension was aimed at blocking what the company called an "illegal labour

alliance" among the six Hyundai firms.

The workers cut open the gate with welding equipment as violent clashes continued in the streets between police and thousands of angry workers, fighting with stones and pipes.

At one point, 2,000 riot police set up barricades on roads as the protesters' ranks swelled to about 15,000, some wearing gas masks or goggles. Newspapers said some demonstrators destroyed three police vehicles and beat up photographers.

The workers urged Mr Chung Ju Yong, owner of the Hyundai Group, to resign. He had said earlier he would not give in to "illegal demands" by dissident union leaders and stopped operations at the six factories.

Union leaders at Hyundai's 12 firms in Ulsan have united to press for wage rises, better working conditions and freedom to organize.

Elsewhere, labour unrest entered its fourth consecutive

week, crippling such key industries as car manufacture, textiles and electronics which prop up the economy.

Meanwhile, a major annual military-civilian exercise started, with officials attaching special significance to this year's training because of growing social disturbances and what is seen as a continuing threat from North Korea.

Mr Lee Woong Hee, the Minister of Culture and Information, said the defensive war game was aimed at "safeguarding the nation from growing dangers within and without".

The North denounced the exercise as "sabre-rattling aimed at northward invasion". Its official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, said the manoeuvres had once again shown that the South was "not interested at all in peace and peaceful reunification, but is... increasing the danger of war on the Korean peninsula".

Accused mother admits drug addiction



Mrs Lorraine Phyllis Cohen and her son, Aaron, arriving at Penang High Court where they are facing a mandatory death sentence if convicted of drug trafficking.

The New Zealand mother of four, aged 44, wept as she told the court she took to heroin after being beaten regularly by her common-law husband (AFP reports from Kuala Lumpur). She said she was a drug addict and had received treatment for her

condition in New Zealand and Australia. Both Mrs Cohen and Aaron, aged 21, chose to make statements from the dock. Under Malaysian law, they cannot be cross-examined on these statements. Mr Justice Dzaiddin Abdullah, sometimes called the hanging judge for sending several traffickers to the gallows, on Friday ruled that the prosecution had made out a *prima facie* case.

Mrs Cohen is charged with trafficking in 493 oz of heroin and Aaron with trafficking in 1.2 oz.

Mrs Cohen told the court she bought the heroin in Penang because it was cheap at a street price of about £2.80 a gram compared to £130 (\$400) in Australia.

The hearing will continue today.

Hayward to lodge his appeal

Stockholm — Simon Hayward, the Life Guards captain jailed for five years for smuggling 110 lb of cannabis into Sweden, will lodge an appeal today with the Swedish High Court (Christopher Mosey writes).

Miss Hannah Ponten, defending Hayward, said the appeal against both conviction and sentence would lead to a "partially new" trial due to start on September 9.

Nasa strip

Santiago (Reuters) — Chile and the United States officially opened a controversial Nasa emergency landing strip on Easter Island for US space shuttles.

Fume deaths

St John's, Newfoundland (Reuters) — The bodies of three crewmen, who inhaled what were believed to be toxic fumes, were removed from a Japanese freighter here.

Mine blast

Peking (Reuters) — At least Chinese 25 miners died after a gas explosion in a coal mine in the south-west province of Sichuan, the China Daily said.

Corpses arrest

Philadelphia (Reuters) — A man hunted for a week when seven bodies were discovered in his dilapidated flat was arrested after a tip-off to police by his mother.

Soares team

Lisbon (Reuters) — Portugal's new Government was sworn in by President Soares, who said it was in a unique position to make profound economic reforms.

Boycott ends

Zermatt, Switzerland (Reuters) — Guides have ended a month-long boycott of the 14,688 ft Matterhorn and are again taking climbers up the peak.

Nice to see you

Moscow (Reuters) — A video-phone link has been opened between Leningrad and Moscow, Tass reported.



Mr Willoch: Oslo's choice catches Germans off-guard

Bonn fury over Nato succession

Bonn — West Germany will hold confidential talks with its Nato partners after the summer parliamentary recess on who should succeed Lord Carrington as General Secretary of the alliance, a Cabinet spokesman said yesterday (Our Correspondent writes).

He would not comment on an announcement from Oslo that Norway had nominated Mr Kaare Willoch, a former Prime Minister, for the post. Bonn was astonished by the Oslo announcement, as a decision was not due till December. The Germans considered their Defence Minister, Herr Manfred Wörner, to be front-runner with unofficial backing from the US and UK.

Catholic dismay at scandal in India
Priest on trial for girl friend's murder

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The Roman Catholic Church in India is watching in silent embarrassment as one of its priests stands trial for the murder of his girl friend.

Father Lazar Antony, aged 48, from Quilon in the south Indian state of Kerala, is charged with having sent a gang of thugs to kill Mrs Marykutty Miranda, a nurse aged 28.

Police say he had been romantically involved with her for four years and they have an "avalanche" of material to prove the liaison, including love letters.

Eventually, the police say,

their affair caused considerable local comment and began to go sour when he believed she was being unfaithful to him, and she disappeared of ever persuading him to leave the Church to marry her.

Instead she married a young man, Mr Lazar Miranda, who had recently returned to the state from working in the Gulf. Father Antony threatened Mr Miranda, and began to hound Mrs Miranda for the return of his gifts to her of cash and jewellery.

Eventually, the police say,

he sent eight men to her house while her husband was making a report at the local police station about Father Antony's threats. The men dragged by the hair into the yard and beat and kicked her. A blow with an iron rod on her head killed her.

"I did not tell them to kill her," Father Antony is quoted as saying after the gang was rounded up. "I only asked them to punish her."

Kerala has the largest concentration of Christians in India, many of them belonging to exotic Orthodox

communions which claim direct descent from converts of St Thomas the Apostle in the earliest days of Christianity.

The Catholic Church was developed in the state under Portuguese influence, but many of the Kerala orders remained separate because they could not tolerate the strict Portuguese discipline.

The news of a priest breaking his vows so flagrantly is bound to bring the Church into disrepute. Twice in the past two decades, murderous priests have discredited their cloth.

Tamil Tigers to surrender arms supplies today

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Indian and Sri Lankan army officers expect the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to surrender a supply of arms at Jaffna in northern Sri Lanka today.

Government sources in Colombo said certain fears of the Tigers group had been allayed, but would not give details. The arms handover should have taken place two weeks ago, but as the Tigers leader, Mr Vellupillai

Prabhakaran, told reporters: "It is difficult to dismantle in days what has taken years to build".

Under an agreement signed with India in late July, the Sri Lankan authorities were to lift a state of emergency in the country's Tamil-dominated Northern and Eastern provinces last Saturday.

Concerned at the trickle of arms being surrendered by Tamil guerrilla groups, the state of emergency was not lifted.

But over the weekend two guerrilla groups, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front and the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students, surrendered some arms after their leaders were flown to Sri Lanka from south India in Indian planes.

Now the Tigers, the largest Tamil guerrilla group, will follow suit, although Mr Prabhakaran was quoted in Sri Lankan newspapers as saying that he was dissatisfied with the implementation of

the Indo-Sri Lankan agreement so far. He said that unreasonable pressure had been put on his organization to make concessions.

India's High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, Mr J.N. Dixit, said on Sri Lankan television yesterday that the LTTE had co-operated fully and would surrender arms by today.

Meanwhile, an Indian delegation is expected to arrive in Colombo this week to tie up loose ends in the accord,

Kremlin gloom on Afghan conflict

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party's newspaper, admitted yesterday that the policy of "national reconciliation" in Afghanistan was proving harder to implement than expected and had created divisions within the Soviet-backed Afghan leadership.

The article by the paper's correspondent in Kabul, Mr B. Okulov, was an unusual acknowledgement of the uphill struggle the Kabul regime faces in gaining popular acceptance.

Mr Okulov reported that the policy of "national reconciliation" had caused confusion and pessimism among some members of the leadership. Those who had hoped for a quick victory over the enemy had been disappointed. Others felt that the new policy made too many concessions and feared for their own positions.

Although such people were few and far between, Mr Okulov said, the enemy had skillfully played on their fears in an attempt to divide the leadership.

Mr Okulov said attempts to reconcile the warring sides had raised "one problem after another". People who decided to co-operate with "national

reconciliation" had become practical targets for the enemy and some had been brutally killed. The Afghan population had been polarized more sharply than ever.

This did not mean, Mr Okulov said, that the policy had failed, merely that it was proving more difficult to implement than had been anticipated. The problem derived partly from the backwardness of Oriental countries like Afghanistan, and partly from the fact that many preconceptions had to be overcome before the benefits were recognized.

Although the correspondent tried to put a brave face on the present situation, including the recent upsurge in fighting, by citing the number of areas where the local population and returned exiles were co-operating successfully, his conclusion was pessimistic. The current problems were difficult, he said, but they had to be overcome.

The whereabouts of the Kabul regime's leader, Dr Najib, are unclear. After an official visit to Moscow last month, he remained in the Soviet Union on holiday.

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Sweden's bored teenage rebels return tamely to school

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Adult Sweden breathes a sigh of relief today as the nation's rebels without a cause return to school after Stockholm's worst youth riots in 20 years.

Police reinforcements were being withdrawn yesterday from the centre of the capital where, in the past weeks of the long summer holiday, bored youngsters caused damage approaching £50,000 and much more than that in police overtime payments.

Shop windows have been smashed, stores plundered, cars overturned and home-made firebombs hurled in apparently motiveless disturbances by the youth of one of the world's most advanced and affluent welfare states, which

has an unemployment rate of less than 3 per cent.

Sociologists are now agonizing over the riots, which have thrown into sharp focus the deficiencies of a society which claims to take care of its inhabitants from cradle to grave. It is uncertain whether Sweden has ever properly catered for the rebellious teenagers. There have been youth riots in the closing weeks of the summer holidays off and on since 1948.

Trouble first flared in Söder, the city's working-class south island. By the 1950s a new, more affluent generation had drifted into the central area for its clashes with police, and here it stayed in the 1960s

and 1970s, gathering in crowds of up to 2,000 in Kungsträdgården, a royal park which is surrounded by some of Stockholm's trendiest discotheques and restaurants.

This year the city centre sometimes has been eerily reminiscent of Beirut or Seoul as 200-strong squads of helmeted police, with shields and dogs and aided by baton-wielding mounted divisions, have dispersed the screaming youngsters. There has been severe criticism of police tactics. Mr Otto Mellin, a social worker in Stockholm for more than 30 years, said: "That police still haven't learnt in 40 years that horses, batons, riot gear and helmets don't solve

anything is quite remarkable."

He called for plainclothes police to co-operate with social workers in weeding out troublemakers, so that confrontation could be avoided.

Stuttgart — About 120 skinheads from Sweden, Switzerland, France, Austria and West Germany sacked a pedestrian precinct in the West German town of Lindau and stormed a church baptism on the way to a rock concert (AFP reports). Armed with knives, knuckledusters and bicycle chains and yelling "foreigners out" and "Sieg heil" (the Nazi battlecry), they burst into a church and seized a Turkish baby from its pram.

Some Swedes blame their welfare state for weakening family discipline, with parents abandoning responsibility for difficult teenage offspring and leaving it to the authorities.

Mrs Inger Bärner, a Social Democratic politician, said parents must be taught to keep

better control of their youngsters. "Children should not be left in town while their parents go off for the weekend to their summer cottages, as is too often the case today," she said.

Young people themselves usually blame the boredom of their lives in Stockholm's high-rise suburbs — rich in fresh air and forest jogging tracks, but bereft of entertainment and social facilities.

They head for the city centre in search of excitement but

once there, find the discos and restaurants beyond their pockets. Miss Beatrice Ask, a Young Conservative leader, said: "These kids have got nowhere to go. There are very few places in the city catering for young people. Parents should go out and speak with their youngsters to understand what is happening."

Mr Bengt Lindqvist, the Deputy Minister for Social Affairs, said the riots had been an "evil circle" of events. "Small fights have led to police intervention, which has led to publicity. That has attracted more youngsters to the city centre, and the trouble has escalated."

Five youngsters face prosecution for provoking the

riots. Police say the principal ringleader was a 17-year-old, who has been remanded in custody.

Mr Timo Vuorela, a journalist with the Finnish daily newspaper *Helsingin Sanomat*, covered Beirut for several years. He left the Middle East unscathed, hoping for a more peaceful assignment as Stockholm correspondent. He was bitten badly by a police dog in one recent riot.

He accused the police of over-reacting to a crowd of "peaceful, curious youths". He added: "It reminded me of police in fascist states."

Ironically, the disturbances have come during a government-sponsored campaign to halt teenage violence.

Faith, hope... and poverty

ISLAM



The youth of Pakistan

flocked to Bradford's mills in the Fifties. Now 55,000

IN BRITAIN Muslims are packed into acres of crumbling Victorian homes and overflowing schools. Tony Dawe visits a worried community clinging firmly to its religious identity

Lumb Lane exudes poverty. It runs downhill from the Manningham district of Bradford to the edge of the city centre, past crumbling properties and derelict mills. This is home to many of the city's 55,000 Muslims.

Half of them are aged under 16 and most live in crowded homes and attend bulging schools where they fail to gain any qualifications. Only a third find jobs in the city.

Yet two mosques are being built, one at either end of Lumb Lane. And at worship every Friday the population contributes money it can barely afford towards building them.

The mosques symbolize the importance of religion above all else to the Muslims and prove their intention to stay and survive in Bradford. They indicate something else, too.

For these two mosques are not the product of two rival sects... they are being built by the same religious group. It is simply that one section, the Jamia Masjid Hanafia Association (the Grand Mosque Association), decided a £1 million mosque should be built in Manningham, where the Muslims have settled in a segregated community. The other section, the Jamiat Tablighi UI Islam, (the Society for the Preaching of Islam) believes a finer monument will help to show that Islam is spreading beyond the old boundaries and is therefore planning a £4 million mosque standing, symbolically, on a hill close to the city centre.

"Social conflict occurs in any society. Without differences, you cannot develop practical ideas," Mr Mohammed Ajeeb, a Bradford Labour councillor and a Muslim, says. "What matters is that the Muslims want to build their mosques and that their faith remains so important in such difficult times."

Mr Ajeeb was the Lord Mayor of Bradford in 1985-86, the first Asian to hold such a post in Britain. He clearly understands the dilemma of people who want to stay in their segregated communities, but at the same time expect all the services of local and national government.

"Councils should respond because Muslims pay rates and taxes like everyone else," he says. "If we fail to meet their needs we shall only strengthen their own ties and prevent integration."

The city council, urged on by the Council of Mosques, has tried to meet some Muslim demands, especially in schools. It provides halal meat twice a week, increased facilities for prayer, and has eased dress restrictions to suit Muslim custom.

With the help of the Home Office, it is introducing 300 additional teachers so that Muslim children who speak only an ethnic language or dialect can be taught English. More social workers and community liaison officers are being provided and the council has also requested money to pay for 40 bilingual instructors to work alongside teachers.

But it will take time for the Muslim children's chances to be improved. Meantime, their parents insist on providing extra religious education in mosques and supplementary schools. They bitterly resent the difficulties over planning permission and the enforcement orders served on some schools because they are overcrowded and a fire risk.

But one issue, above all others, unites the Bradford Muslims... and that is the need for single-sex education. Imam Mohammed Nishtar, the religious leader at the Manningham mosque, said: "Our culture, traditions and religion require girls to be



Foundations of belief: religious leaders outside the £4 million Jamiat Tablighi UI Islam mosque. They plan to prove that the message of Islam is spreading beyond old boundaries

taught separately from boys. Muslims will not be happy until such facilities are provided and some are even sending their daughters back to their country of origin to be educated."

Mr Liaqat Hussain, a key figure behind the new city centre mosque, said: "In our society, girls do not mix with boys. At mixed schools they are hindered because they are naturally shy and reluctant to communicate."

Mr Sher Azam, president of the Muslim Association of Bradford, warned: "Unless single-sex schools are established, then the demand for separate Muslim schools will grow and hopes of integrating all the communities in Bradford will suffer."

Some Muslims beat the co-educational system by sending their daughters to Catholic schools. One of them, close to Lumb Lane, is so dominated by Muslims that when it comes to religious instruction it is the few remaining Catholics who withdraw from class for separate lessons.

The strength of feeling on the issue has alerted the political parties. The Conservative opposition on the council, which needs the sup-

port of more Muslims if the party is to have a future in the city, recently announced its backing for single-sex schools.

Councillor Eric Pickles, the Tory leader, said: "Preserving a choice in state education remains important and the demand for single-sex schools exists among all sections of the community." He believes that it can be achieved relatively cheaply because some mixed schools in the city are on split sites and can easily be reorga-

nized into separate-sex units. Even the controlling Labour group shows signs of shifting from its co-educational policy.

Bradford has the power to solve this educational dilemma, but not the greater problems of housing and unemployment.

Muslims started moving to Bradford to work in the woolen industry at the end of the 1950s. Most were single men from Pakistan who eventu-

ally returned home to marry, bringing their families back to Britain. They settled in old Victorian terraces in districts close to the city centre. Now the homes are crumbling and two thirds of the jobs have gone.

National politicians hope that this crisis will eventually be solved by the Muslims' entrepreneurial skills and by council house building programmes. Mr Ajeeb thinks otherwise.

"It is a myth that Muslims

without a job or an adequate home will set up their own small business and move into a council house. In a poor economy, only a tiny proportion succeed in business. The council-housing stock consists of one to three-bedroom accommodation while most of the Muslims still live in large family groups and require at least four-bedroomed homes."

He says that unless the Government takes notice of the problem, Bradford's politicians and Muslim leaders could eventually have more to worry about than single-sex schools.

"If this deprivation continues for another decade it will lead to a generation growing up in an atmosphere of hopelessness, despair and despondency. That is bound to create a bitter reaction which even the religious leaders in their new mosques will be unable to curb."

Two views of British Islam from the inside: the entrepreneur and the police officer

'Banks in Britain understand us and we understand them. We are traders, it is in our blood'



Nazmu calling: with brother Zafar and a portrait of the Aga Khan

A 18-hour day, six days a week, is nothing to Nazmu Virani, the 38-year-old chairman of Control Securities and the Virani group. In this he is following his father's example - 68 and still actively involved in the business. His office is dominated by a portrait of the Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the Ismailis, is just behind London's Victoria Station in the Eccleston Hotel; a place with fond memories for Nazmu as it was the first hotel the family bought in this country.

Studies suggest that Muslim businesses have an annual turnover of up to £700 million and account for roughly a third of all Asian businesses. However, this could well be a conservative estimate which fails to take account of many small enterprises thus seriously underestimating the Muslim impact. As Peter Wilson, a New Enterprise Development, a consultancy group studying smaller businesses, says: "Minority-owned businesses, including those developed by Muslims, contribute substantially to the local and national economy even though they frequently evolve from humble beginnings."

Not all Muslim businesses are low-profile. Mr Wilson found that a common tendency among Muslim entrepreneurs was to build up sales volume slowly over many years. The Viranis themselves started up in Britain on quite a small scale with just a supermarket, but their diligence and business acumen soon took them first into hotels (they had 19 at one time) and then brewing, where a key stake in Bellhaven Brewery was turned into a healthy profit and then all but nine per cent sold off.

One Muslim leader suggests that there are about 50 "good names" in the Muslim business community, by which he means the number of key families - like the Viranis, running large respected enterprises. The Al-Fayed brothers spring immediately to mind

with their much publicized takeover of the House of Fraser, including the Harrods department store. The Sethia and Bagri families are notable names in metals and other commodities as is Narinder Saroop, who is also a member of the council at the Institute of Directors.

Then there are the Abdullah brothers, Raschid and Osman, who control Evered Holdings, a Guildford-based industrial conglomerate. Their family has been settled in this country for three generations and both have British wives. As a close business associate said: "Virtually the only thing about them now which is Muslim is their name."

A difficulty for some Muslims in business is the Koranic law against usury. This decrees that there should be no resort to banks which charge interest. Often Muslims starting up in business will, if there is no family money available, go for financial help to their community, centred on the mosque. Then, once the business has taken off, one way to gear up finances without resorting to direct loans is for a bank to take a stake in the enterprise.

Among Ismailis, like the Virani family, there is a more relaxed attitude about using the Western-style banking system and this is probably a key factor in their success. For, even before the family came to Britain, they had dealt with British banks abroad.

Financing has thus never been a major problem. As Nazmu Virani says: "They understand us and we understand them."

Muslims in business also readily draw a distinction between their personal attitude to alcohol - proscribed religiously - and the businesses they run. Clearly, for them, business is simply business. But some also make the point that it is not for them to judge the way others conduct their lives.

The Viranis, ever in search of pastures new, have now set their sights on the growing leisure sector: 70 pubs and a retail travel agency are already among their interests. Nazmu says: "We are traders. It is in the blood."

Given the business sophistication and entrepreneurial skills of the Muslims, it seems certain Britain will be seeing an increasing number emerging in the mould of the Abdullahs or the Viranis, even if the financial flair and ascendancy of the Al-Fayeds seems unlikely to be matched more than once in a generation.

Derek Harris

TOMORROW
Integration or isolation: facing up to stark choices in the future

'Most of the families hate the idea of their sons joining the police. My father spits at the idea'

Zafar Sadique is a rare figure in the Metropolitan Police, one of a handful of Muslims in the 27,000-strong force. A sergeant at 27, he is proving that the minority can succeed. But he says a Muslim policeman in Britain must have the courage to put religion second.

The courage is needed to overcome the innate distrust of the police among the Muslim community. In their own countries, where corruption is rife, joining the force is never a respectable career.

"In Britain the Muslim community has nothing to fear from the police," says Sgt Sadique - "Zaf" to his friends. "If they want to see how the force operates, or want to change it, they should come along and join. But it will take courage. Most families hate the idea of their sons joining the police. My father spits at the idea."

"When I went back to Pakistan last year, one of my uncles refused to speak to me. Other relatives asked if I stood

on the street corner every Friday night collecting my pay-offs, as some of the police do out there."

This distrust makes it particularly tough for members of minority racial groups to police ethnic areas. Sgt Sadique found his time in Southall, west London, the most unpleasant in the force.

"When you walked out on the street, other Asians would try to stare you out," he recalls.

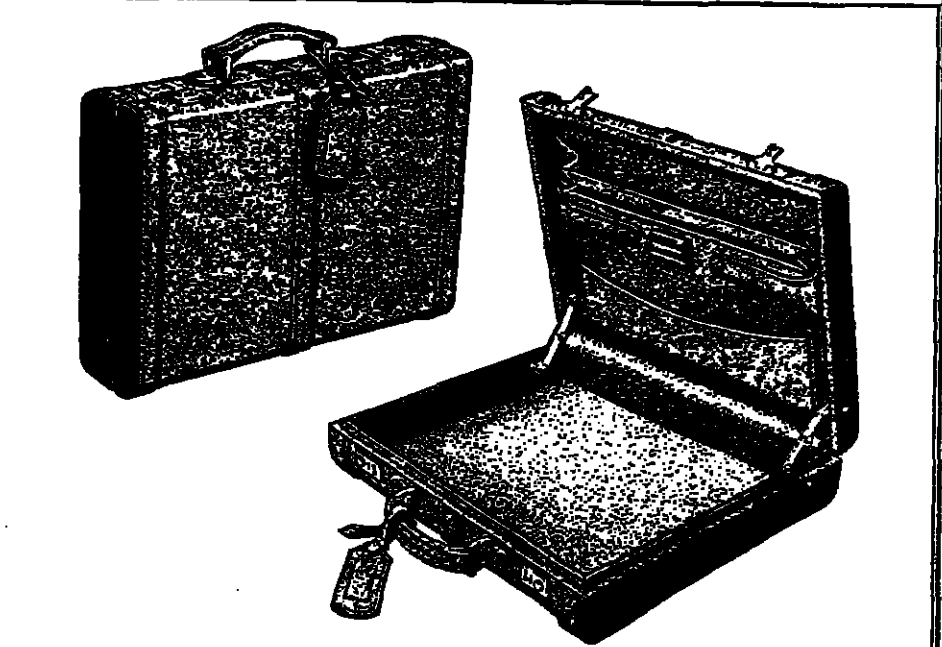
"I have never encountered hostility like that from my colleagues. In fact they tend to be over-protective and will turn on anybody who makes a racist remark, even if it was meant only as a joke."

Sgt Sadique seems to have integrated perfectly. But he has had to put Islam at the back of his mind. "You can hardly get up with a lot of people in the cells and announce you are going to pray," he says.



A message for the Muslims: Sergeant Zafar Sadique

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SWEEPING THE GULF

As the British and French minesweeping contingents left port yesterday for the long voyages to the Gulf, they left questions hanging in the air. In the interval which remains before the ships arrive in that crowded and dangerous waterway, there is time for the policy which has despatched them to be consolidated and for its coherence to be improved.

Many of the doubts which have been expressed about the British patrol in the Gulf are fuelled by the hesitant nature of the naval activities themselves. We are "accompanying" ships flying the British flag and we are not "escorting" them — although the distinction between the two has grown increasingly blurred.

The Royal Navy mine warfare group which left Rosyth yesterday supports the existing Armilla patrol, which does not venture westwards beyond Bahrain. Although there will clearly be plenty of minesweeping to be done within that self-imposed limit, will we simply leave British-flagged merchant ships outside that zone to fend for themselves? Does the Armilla patrol's protection not extend to their American or French counterparts in any circumstances at all?

Hardly. The air is loud with calls for multinational naval forces in the Gulf and there will shortly be a three-nation force there. It is difficult to believe that there will not be some coordination and cooperation between all three navies and every reason why there should be. It would do no harm for the political dispatchers and defenders of these forces — who are responding to local requests for help — to make clear, within the limits of operational secrecy, how far cooperation can and will extend.

It may well be that the tentative ambiguities which surround the tactics and rules of engagement for the British ships are designed to assist the Gulf states by combining the presence of naval force with restrained public rhetoric. The Gulf states must immediately threatened by Iran may prefer that warships arrive with the least provocative terms of

reference in the hope that Iran, its tactics and strategy always dominated by the hope of progress in the Gulf War with Iraq, will grumble and gesticulate but in the end not strike hard at western interests.

So the political defence of minesweeper diplomacy must take account of the needs of the states on the south side of the Gulf who will still be dealing with Iran if the minesweepers and aircraft carriers depart. But, by the same token, the Gulf states cannot hide behind the better equipped navies without offering services in return. British ships will require some port facilities and it is up to the Gulf states, whose shipping trade they are protecting, to fulfil an obligation that cannot be avoided.

None of the naval plans or preparations now under way need undermine the strong arguments in favour of a more truly multinational force under UN leadership. But the large gap between the agreement in principle inside the Security Council and a UN force in the Gulf waters is no justification for letting the situation drift without any response to a clear threat. The United States would still be wise to test the sincerity of the Soviet offer of help, rather than refuse it outright, as they have done so far.

Yesterday, *Izvestia* described American action as "military hysteria" designed to split the Arab world and inhibit the Arab-Israeli peace process; the Soviet ambassador in London emerged from his meeting with a Foreign Office junior minister as a cautionary visitor, delivering a warning against provocation or excess; Tass reported discussion between Soviet officials and the Iranian ambassador to Moscow. Few of these propaganda points would be available or so potent if Soviet offers were being explored.

If the present measures in the Gulf could be interim ones to be superseded by a more broadly-based force for the protection of shipping for the duration of the Gulf War, no one would be as well-pleased as the captains and crews of the ships now carrying the heaviest burden of risk.

RICHES AROUND THE FALKLANDS

To the consternation of some of his fellow citizens, Mr Tony Blake of the Falkland Islands Council has taken a small step at the United Nations which could begin to break the deadlock in negotiations over the islands' future. This may or may not have been his intention but his move has highlighted important changes in the economic climate of the South Atlantic.

He proposed a regional approach to the management of fishing in the South Atlantic. While the Falklanders themselves now control the waters within a 150-mile radius of their islands, they have no jurisdiction outside — where factory ships from halfway round the world are destructively scooping up squid.

Mr Blake outlined a system of control operated by three countries, Britain, Argentina and Uruguay. There is genuine concern over conservation and these countries are the three with "local" interests. It was the difficulty over winning multilateral consensus, which led to Britain establishing a unilateral zone around the Falklands in the first place.

This decision would now seem to have been a good one. Since January, Britain and Argentina have exchanged a series of exploratory notes, through the medium of the United States, with a view to preventing any incidents over fishing. The contacts have been sporadic and indirect and their objectives have been limited. But they have still represented an advance in Anglo-Argentine relations — fractured by the Falklands conflict five years ago.

Fishing has therefore been acting for some months as a means of bringing both sides together — however tentatively. In this sense, it would seem logical to advance towards discussions of the kind envisaged by Mr Blake. On the other hand, it represents the kind of advance which so far the Argentines have flatly rejected — in the absence of any accompanying talks on sovereignty.

The new element this time is Mr Blake's proposal that the islanders themselves should be represented. This is in line with his general belief that the time has come for them to have a consultative, advisory role in conducting their foreign affairs.

This is still uncertain ground. Mr Blake was speaking without a mandate from the Falklanders — and has long been in advance of local feeling on these matters. It is doubtful too if the Argentines would look favourably on any move which might elevate the status of the Falklanders. They would see it as an unnecessary complication. Mr Blake, not to mention the Foreign Office, has been anxious to stress that he was not thinking in terms of independence.

What was most significant about Mr Blake's proposals was the background against which they were made. Economic prospects for the islands are suddenly looking up as a consequence of the burgeoning fishing industry. Money from fishing licences and the provision of support facilities for visiting fleets have already tripled their revenue — and could revolutionize local lifestyles if all their dreams are realized. In this context it is hardly surprising that a new air of confidence is discernible.

But this in itself carries a lesson for the Buenos Aires Government. A prospering community on the Falklands could bring commercial benefits to Argentina. At the same time the Falklanders would be less willing than ever to sacrifice their Anglo-Saxon heritage.

There is the prospect of a new age in which the Falklands and Argentina might be joined in a common interest, more important than the narrow issue of sovereignty which divides them. There is a new reality which Mr Blake has touched upon — and Buenos Aires would be sensible to adjust to it.

THE AMADEUS QUARTET

The death on Saturday of Peter Schidlof brings to an end more than the life of one of the world's finest viola-players. It brings to an end also the Amadeus Quartet, the members of which long ago made clear that when any one of them died or could not continue to play, the ensemble would be disbanded. But such a decision cannot be allowed to pass without a tribute to the work of this very remarkable group of musicians.

The damage that Nazi Germany did herself by driving out Jewish scientists, who thereupon made an enormous contribution to the Allied cause in the second world war, has been amply documented. Less dramatic and crucial, but still very great, was the self-inflicted wound of the expulsion of so many artists in every field. Peter Schidlof, Siegmund Nissel and Norbert Brainin were three of these: they came to this country just before the war, and after various adventures (including internment in the Isle of Man) they met Martin Lovett, the only British-born musician of the four, and began to work together, like so many other musicians in Britain and elsewhere, they benefited greatly from the inspiring teaching of Max Rostal.

On January 20, 1949, at the Wigmore Hall in London, the Amadeus Quartet gave their first public performance. Four thousand concerts later, only a few months from their 40th anniversary, they have now given their last.

They were sometimes chided for what was seen as a too conservative repertoire. But it was in their choice of works that their strength lay. For four decades, the Amadeus remained primarily within that magic Viennese square: Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Haydn. In doing so, they set the whole world a standard for these classics: like a musician tuning to the oboe's A or the piano's middle C, other musicians would test themselves, and be

tested, against the Amadeus version.

Yet they never fell into the trap of mechanical repetition. On the contrary, over the years of their work, they dug their way more and more deeply into the innermost secrets of their treasured masterpieces, so that their playing became ever more fresh rather than stale.

They were also unstinting in the way they passed on their knowledge and understanding: in Britain and elsewhere, they taught their successors, and the three survivors have emphasized that they will continue with such work, and indeed increase it.

There are many fine string quartets in the world, many of them inspired directly or indirectly by the example of the Amadeus; the Lindsay, the Chilingirian, the Alban Berg, and the Emerson, a group of the same age as the Amadeus were when they played that historic concert in the Wigmore Hall. But to the end, the Amadeus were acknowledged as unique in their playing: it is proper to add that the simplicity and dignity of their personal lives matched the peerless professionalism of their musicianship.

All unknowing, they played their last concert in Cheltenham, a few weeks ago, it was a fitting programme: two works by Beethoven and one by Britten, symbolic of their roots in continental Europe and of the depth of their commitment to their adopted country. Their swan-song was Beethoven's E flat quartet, Op 74.

The Amadeus Quartet enriched and adorned the musical life of this country, and indeed of the world. They served Saint Cecilia for 40 years, and she bestowed on them, in addition to their great gifts, the esteem and affection of millions of music-lovers. They will be missed. All the more warmly, then, let them be thanked.

Righting balance on 'Spycatcher'

From Sir Edward Gardner, QC
Sir, Both the Government and Labour front benches in the House of Commons last February found common ground to oppose my private member's Bill which would have incorporated into British law the European Convention on Human Rights.

The issue has come into focus again with the majority decision of the law lords concerning Mr Wright's book *Spycatcher* (Law Report, August 14).

Opposition to the Bill relied almost wholly on the contention that the impartiality of our judges would be undermined and their reputation damaged if they were to be allowed to decide anything so sensitive and political as our rights under the European Convention.

In fact, it would be hard to imagine a case more potentially charged with political undertones than the *Spycatcher* case.

It therefore seems timely to reflect that one of the rights in article 10 of the Convention is "the right to freedom of expression". This includes the freedom "to receive and impart information... without interference by public authority".

But the article recognises that "the exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such... restrictions... as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security".

Article 10, alas, like the Convention itself, is not part of our law. If it had been, Lord Bridge, dissenting from the majority decision to prevent the publication of the book in our newspapers, might not have thought it necessary to warn that the Government will face "condemnation and humiliation by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg".

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GARDNER,
Outlane Head,
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August 14.

From the Director of the International Press Institute
Sir, In the light of the present controversy over the law lords' ruling in the *Spycatcher* case, how disappointing has been the lack of interest in the suggestion made by Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division, at the recent seminar on "The Law and the Media", organised jointly by the International Press Institute and the Menéndez Pelayo International University, at Santander, Spain (report, July 30).

Sir Nicolas called for the creation of a special tribunal which

would rule in conflicts between government and the press and could comprise a High Court judge, a senior journalist, and "a representative of the public" — possibly, a senior Government official. He suggested that a Government department or designated official be required to reply within three days to a newspaper's request on whether confidential information might be published.

Failure to reply would mean that the newspaper could go ahead without fear of prosecution. If the Government wanted the information withheld, or if the newspaper sought to challenge the Government's position, the tribunal would be called into session at once.

Great damage to this country's reputation as a free democracy has been done by the law lords' ruling and, as Lord Bridge made clear in his presentation of the minority case yesterday, the present situation is unacceptable.

The introduction of a Bill of Rights incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into English law would take some time to implement and might not necessarily be desirable.

Surely, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson's proposal is worthy of consideration? Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Tom Dalby
Sir, I have not seen a copy of *Spycatcher*, but I am sure that the verso of the title page will contain the imprint, "Copyright 1987 Peter Wright". Is it not ironic that allegedly secret information should be the property of a private individual and not HM Government?

Although the oath of secrecy sounds dramatic, I believe a publisher's contract clause on copyright has a better legal standing in a court of law.

If MI5 and similar Government departments drafted a similar contract clearly stating that all information acquired during Government service was HM Government copyright and must not be published in any form without formal agreement between all parties concerned, all the nonsense such as the *Spycatcher* case would be drastically reduced. The international copyright law would be the best security.

Yours faithfully,
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Scribbs, North Yorkshire,
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Europe in space

From Mr Philip A. Baker
Sir, I disagree with Mr Jackson's contention (August 11) that European countries can only make an impression in space together.

West Germany have certainly done very well on their own, albeit with the help of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). Two Germans, Ernst Messerschmid and Reinhard Furrer, were on board the US space shuttle (STS 61-A) in October, 1985, also present was a European Space Agency astronaut, Wubbo Ockels.

This mission was the first ever NASA mission to carry more than one national of a country other than the USA, and the first to be partially controlled outside of the USA. It cost West Germany \$175 million to "charter" this flight from NASA, and was only the first in a series of Spacelab flights planned by West Germany, although this is currently under review.

The French also have been successful in their exploration of space with one of the astronauts flying on the American shuttle

(STS 51-G) in 1985, and another flying with the Russians (Soyuz T-6) in 1982. A second flight has already been booked with the Russians for Jean Loup Chrétien, who will stay in space for a month and will make a spacewalk.

Now it would seem that Britain will have a chance to put an astronaut into space. Squadron Leader Nigel Wood was to have made a flight aboard the American shuttle in June, 1986, as payload specialist but the Challenger accident put paid to that, although he may fly on the shuttle in 1990. The Russians have apparently offered a cosmonaut a place — possibly flying before Wood — aboard one of their Soyuz missions, although it is possible that he may fly aboard their shuttle.

Nasa now desperately requires another shuttle to replace Challenger. Is there not something to be said for helping our allies financially with this task in return for a place for one of our astronauts on a flight every so often?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP A. BAKER,
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Morden, Surrey.

Flow Country forests

From Dr A. N. Lance
Sir, Lord John-Mackie (article, August 1) paints an unnecessarily gloomy picture of the conflicts, both real and potential, between conservation and conifer afforestation.

We could happily agree to the expansion of the forestry estate if the community at large had a proper say in where these new forests should go and if proper respect for water catchments, landscape, game and wildlife, hill farming and the taxpayer's pocket were forthcoming. Is it not time that forestry plans which assessed these matters were produced?

Lord John-Mackie reveals his ignorance of conservation needs by assuming that wildlife can "adapt to its new habitat" or find "areas to its liking in 11 million unflooded acres". His "unflooded acres" are presumably those unsuitable for trees.

Unfortunately, just like the foresters, the birds of open hill country prefer the more sheltered lower and middle slopes. The inhospitable high tops support a different range of specialised birds. Sadly, therefore, the upland

conifer forests envisaged by Lord John-Mackie will frequently compete directly with the needs of wildlife. This has already happened in several areas, where hill birds such as merlin and golden plover have declined. Indeed on some upland blocks they have been lost altogether.

Lord John-Mackie's trump card is the "hope value" of jobs in 50 years' time when trees planted now are felled. Welcome though jobs in 50 years may be, they do not satisfy the needs of rural communities today. In just one corner of the Cairnness and Sutherland flows, we calculate that some £12 million in grants and tax reliefs has been provided to support private forestry, and additional millions have been spent on the Forestry Commission's plantings there. If this money had been provided to the Highlands and Islands Development Board instead, many more jobs might well exist today.

Foresters are extremely vulnerable to the twin axe of market forces and value for public money. In such circumstances they should court the conservationists, who could be a natural ally. We can all agree that forestry on better land presently growing surplus possibilities exciting multi-purpose possibilities. Afforestation in areas like the Cairnness and Sutherland flows merely drives us into opposing camps.

Yours sincerely,
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Nagging doubt

From Mr P. W. Oliver
Sir, The likelihood of Mrs Wilford-Smith (August 14) finding a thirteenth horseshoe is remote. Horseshoes travel in sets of four.

Yours sincerely,
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Penzance, Cornwall.

When gazumping becomes a duty

From Mr R. P. Towns
Sir, In the current debate over the alleged evils of gazumping, and in advance of the forthcoming report of the Conveyancing Standing Committee of the Law Commission, the position of trustees, personal representatives and other fiduciary owners ought not to be overlooked.

It is a well-established principle, endorsed as recently as 1984 in the coal miners' pension fund case, that trustees may have to act dishonestly (though not illegally) if the interests of their beneficiaries require it. Trustees have an overriding duty to obtain the best price which they can for their beneficiaries and cannot make moral gestures. In other words, the duty of trustees to their beneficiaries may include a duty to gazump, however honourable the trustees.

A person can act honourably when dealing with his own absolute property or when, as a trustee, he is authorised to do so by all his beneficiaries, being of full age and capacity. He is, however, in a strict, though difficult and often embarrassing position when he cannot, for one reason or another, get in all his beneficiaries to agree to remain with a first prospective purchaser whose offer has been accepted "subject to contract" in the face of a later, higher, offer submitted by a second purchaser prior to exchange of contracts.

Any reform of the law to prohibit or inhibit gazumping should take account of the present position and obligations of trustees and other fiduciaries, either by exempting them from any new procedures or, preferably, by expressly providing in any enactment that the new procedures are

to apply to trustees etc. notwithstanding and in derogation of their normal fiduciary duties.

It would be unsatisfactory if trustees were to be expected to abide by a voluntary code of conduct or if any statutory provision did not make it clear whether or not it was to apply to trustees etc. since, in either case, litigation might then ensue to determine the effect of any such code of conduct or statutory provision on the pre-existing obligations of fiduciaries.

Yours faithfully,
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ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 18 1922

The death of Lord Northcliffe (1865-1922) on August 14 brought messages of condolence from the King, the President of the United States, and a host of others. The Times, in explanation of the crowds that attended his funeral, said that he had been not only a great newspaper proprietor but a courageous patriot.

FUNERAL OF LORD NORTHCLIFFE, LONDON'S GREAT TRIBUTE. MILES OF REVERENT CROWDS.

The funeral of Viscount Northcliffe took place yesterday, the burial at St. Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley, being preceded by a service at Westminster Abbey.

The occasion was marked by a wonderful demonstration of popular sympathy and appreciation. Thousands failed to gain admission to the Abbey, which was crowded long before the time of the service.

After the service, impressive in its simplicity and dignity, the cortege proceeded along the route of seven miles to the cemetery through a practically unbroken avenue of reverent spectators. As the coffin reached its resting place an aeroplane overhead dipped in salute.

Among the further messages of sympathy received by Viscount Northcliffe and The Times are one from Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone and one from ex-Prime Minister Taft.

OUTSIDE THE ABBEY.

In the neighbourhood of the Abbey a dense crowd had assembled. As early as 8 o'clock people gathered at the doors by which those without tickets were to be admitted to the funeral service. By 10 o'clock, quite an hour and a half before these doors were opened, thousands of men and women were lined up by the police.

Spacious as the Abbey is, there was not accommodation in it for a tenth part of the general public who desired to be present at the service. The doors, in fact, had to be closed a quarter of an hour after opening, so rapidly did the Abbey fill, and the thousands who were necessarily baulked of their desire to enter swelled the throngs of spectators who meantime had been collecting in the great open spaces round the Abbey to see the funeral and pay to the dead the tribute of reverently bowed heads and silence.

The funeral these people had come to see yesterday was totally devoid of pageantry. It was composed simply of a coffin in a motor-hearse covered with flowers, and family mourners in a number of motor-cars. Yet this particular section of the crowd was unusually vast. It was the largest crowd that has been seen for many a year in London at the funeral of a public man of the civilian order.

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But there were large sections of the crowd who attended to do honour to Lord Northcliffe for reasons that may be called more intimate and personal. For instance, a body of journalists marched from Fleet-street to the Abbey in testimony of their recognition of the immense services which Lord Northcliffe rendered in raising the status of their profession.

"We have never had such a crowd," said an experienced official of Westminster Abbey, "it is bigger than any we had for the war ceremonies." At a quarter past 11, when the doors were opened, the great public began instantly to pour in. To watch the North door alone was to see a wave of people pressing forward, then a policeman barring the way while till those who had entered should be settled; then another wave, and so on until not only the seats in the transept, but the very gangway, was packed with those for whom no places had been reserved. The men and women (and the number of men who had reason to love and to mourn this man of many interests and of many friendships in all grades of life...

David Lico

THE ARTS

Parody puzzle

In the second part of the King of Rock's life story, *Presley* (BBC1), Elvis came of age. Sullen and sensitive, he was rated as a public health hazard on stage but was awarded a new persona as a winning innocent-at-large when he embarked on his successful movie career. That did not last long. Despite Walter Matthau's testimonial — "He was not a punk, he was elegant, sedate, refined and sophisticated" — in no time at all his screen image was roughed up to stereotype him as an insouciant winner.

Presley answered no questions — it did not even ask the right ones. And a gaping hole

TELEVISION

was left surrounding the mystery of what exactly happened to Elvis to turn him into an obese paranoid, lured into a nocturnal world, fuelled by "medication". One day he was shaking President Nixon's hand and pledging his support in the battle between drugs and America's fair youth; the next he was pumped full of addictive substances, propelled around as an inflated parody of his former self.

One man recalled hearing Elvis sing for the first time and saying "Is that all there is? I mean, is that all the girls are screaming about?" He might well have said the same about *Presley*.

If Elvis's life-story is one classic showbiz scenario, the flip-side is the career of Lionel Blair, a real survivor. Less spectacular maybe but in his own way just as much as an institution, Blair is still around to belt out a number or two. This he refrains from doing in his role as host of *Name That Tune* (ITV), although all his other performing qualifications are on display.

It is not that difficult to imagine Elvis, especially in his final years, as a compère of a quiz show but I doubt he would have been much of a rival to Blair's astonishing professionalism — almost a computer-calculated formula combining enthusiasm, authority and flirtation. Myrtle the Turtle, as Blair called his female contestant, and an apprehensive-looking Don from Bath in Avon ("Lovely town, lovely, I've been there") both went home clutching prizes, but Lionel was the undisputed winner and star of the show.

Alexandra Shulman

The Arts Minister, Richard Luce, visiting Edinburgh last week, may have been greeted rather less rapturously than the Soviet Union's deputy Minister of Culture. But Luce's remarks about the Edinburgh Festival deserved discussion. Expressing concern that it might be getting too big, he suggested that its organizers consider specializing in a more limited range of arts.

To criticize the festival director, Frank Dunlop, for making a tight budget go far — both in terms of a record number of performances and in diversity of product — hardly seems fair. Dunlop has had a rough ride from the Edinburgh District Council which, while cutting its grant to a paltry level, has attempted to muscle out what is regarded as

A musical wilderness

Richard Morrison asks if the time has come to limit Edinburgh's scope

the festival's elitist aspects. Ironically, on the day that the Arts Minister made his remarks, Glasgow announced that it is doubling its arts funding. As Glasgow's finance director pointedly said, "The performing arts now make up a multi-million pound industry within our city all the year round".

Dunlop's achievement is uneven. A man of the theatre, he has done the festival's drama proud: the

World Theatre Season is as richly endowed this year as last. On the other hand, if Edinburgh's music-lovers think that the festival is bringing them the world's most exciting orchestras, soloists or opera productions, they are living in the past. One recalls the 1978 festival, for instance, with a sense of incredulity: how did Edinburgh entice Barenboim, Giulini, Abbado, Fischer-Dieskau, Jessye Norman,

Berganza, Cotrubas, Brendel, Sherrill Milnes, the Faggioni Carmen, Ponnelle's Monteverdi cycle...? It happened, of course, at the expense of other things, and few would wish to turn the clock back.

But in musical terms Edinburgh has now not only fallen out of the Salzburg league: it is trailing Cheltenham, Bath and Brighton, too, to allow the Soviet Union to hijack the festival by offering

performers on the cheap, to the extent of accepting a very moderately-endowed pit orchestra (albeit bearing the illustrious name Bolshoi) to open proceedings with four woefully unimpressive programmes. This typifies what has seemed in recent years like the festival administration's inexperience in assessing the musical scene.

So should Edinburgh cease competing with what are essentially music festivals, and concentrate on presenting top-quality drama to complement the stage-based Fringe? If that seems unthinkable to the festival management, they should ask themselves this: is the festival's international standing at present enhanced or weakened by its musical content?

Waking the ear

PROMENADE CONCERT

English Concert/
Pinnock
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Dance went baroque at the Proms on Sunday as Trevor Pinnock and his English Concert gave their own minutely choreographed versions of two Bach suites. The footwork was all in the orchestra, of course, and very neat it was too. It is no surprise at all now to hear those long trumpets cutting their way through the counterpoint, nor to hear the near vibrato-less strings cranking double-dots you can almost feel. But the English Concert still has the ability to awaken the ear by the unexpected.

Take the Third Suite, for example. Pinnock made the first section of the Overture dance by treating even melody as counterpoint. As in the solo violin partitas, it leapt and criss-crossed over itself in the sharpness of its angles, the contrast of its light and shade.

The Overture of the Fourth Suite has rarely sounded so full of good things. Pinnock, providing from the harpsichord a constant of discreet delight, uncovered new treasures of scoring and harmony. And the Gavotte was wisely given enough time and space to enjoy the rocking bass-line and the gleam of light that is the solo trumpet's entry.

The two suites framed a motet and a cantata by Handel. Bach's Wedding Cantata, originally billed, was replaced by "Silentium", Handel's love-song to Christ, sung by Arleen Auger in duet with Paul Goodwin's plangent organ. Again, it was the space given to the notes which impressed: space enough for Auger to shape each line and its return, so that ornamentation became entirely organic, and time so that Handel's own harmonic pointing of each crucial word could be as subtle in its performance as in its writing.

For the cantata, "Crucel drama Amor", the strings were slow accompanists. In both tracing and tormenting the voice, they offered the support so vital to project the absorbing detail of Auger's small-scale performance in a none too helpful environment.

John Russell
Taylor

Hilary Finch

Scotland does itself justice

Festivals pick their themes: festivals do sometimes, by some inscrutable working of the collective will, have themes thrust upon them. This year Edinburgh has adopted Russia as last year it did France. Scottish art as a theme surely goes without saying, though in some years (not this) it has conspicuously gone without being said. The 40th anniversary of the death of Mary Queen of Scots falls in 1987, so there is another theme ready-made. And then, though no one appears to have arranged it so, photography is virtually inescapable.

First, Russia. Compared with the musical and dramatic presentation, the art shows are fairly marginal and uncoordinated. Agreeable nonetheless. At the Royal Museum of Scotland until September 20 is an intriguing historical glimpse into the arts of Soviet Central Asia. Thibault Tashkent: though some may find the metalwork of the region, engraved and chased all over, a little oppressive, the costumes and rugs and other textile work are richly coloured and finely inventive in their use of abstract pattern. And most of the arts and crafts represented still seem to be flourishing.

So too, evidently, is the representation from Palekh in the City Art Centre show *Miniature Masterpieces: Lacquerwork from the USSR* (until September 5). This craft apparently emerged after the Revolution as a way to keep newly unemployed icon-painters busy. The subjects of these brilliantly coloured boxes and

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brooches are mostly legendary, and the style is so uniform one might suspect mass-production — but then so one might with icons.

Alistair Hicks wrote on this page last week about the festival's principal nod to contemporary Scottish art at the National Gallery of Modern Art. The 369 Gallery has its contingent of young hopefuls, not as yet so well known as the (mostly) Glaswegians in *The Vigorous Imagination: in Twentieth-Century Scottish Painting* they are ingeniously presented as the climax of a quick dash through the subject from Fergusson by way of Eardley and Davie to Bellamy. In that context they look pretty good, particularly I thought the rather Neo-Romantic Alan Watson, just 30 and wholly consistent with the wonderful beginning in J.D. Fergusson.

Even more in the Scottish Colourist tradition is the veteran Albert Morrocco, whose recent work lights up the Scottish Gallery until September 2 with its sheer *joie de vivre*. Jane Redfern, as well as being included in *The Vigorous Imagination*, has her own show at the Mercury Gallery until September 5, which reveals her developing by leaps and bounds since her stint as artist-in-residence at the (London) National Gal-

lery, enlarging her range of subject-matter and painting with even more dash and gusto.

For more traditional Scots-fanciers — not to say Mary Queen of Scots-fanciers — the main delights are likely to be the two linked shows at the National Portrait Gallery. *The Queen's Image and The Queen's World* (both until October 4). The first concerns itself with the image of the Queen, literal and metaphorical, ever since her own day. Most of the historicizing Romanics are obviously a bit soft on Mary, seeing her as a martyr queen, though Frith makes her look sulky and Ford Madox Brown brings her so close to grotesque that one wonders at Rossetti's devotion to this particular painting. John Opie's *The Death of Rizzio* (c. 1787) almost steals the show, even after being cut down around 1950 to prevent further deterioration: this, so early, is full-blooded Romantic melodrama at its best. The second show is relatively tame, showing relics of Mary and her way of life, but it does bring in a welcome element of measure and sanity after all the sob-stuff.

Also at the National Portrait Gallery, until October 18, is a show which ingeniously refers to Scotland, Russia and photography, all at once: William Carrick (1827-1878) was an artist/photographer from Edinburgh who settled in St Petersburg and took, among many others, a wonderfully vivid series of pictures of local



J.D. Fergusson's *Voiles indiennes*, a splendid start to *Twentieth-Century Scottish Painting*

street-traders and other pictures of clads Russians.

He is not the only historic Scottish photographer to be rediscovered: in the Orcaidian Eye show at the Scottish Council until the end of the week the present is represented by some striking colour photographs by Michael Hockney, but the past throws up for us Thomas Kent (1863-1935), a humble Orcaidian professional who laboured in obscurity but had the undefinable magic which makes an

apparently prosaic picture of a shop interior or a man scything among the lupins unforgettable.

Most impressive among contemporaries are Fay Godwin at Stills Gallery until September 5 and Peter Cattrell, whose show *Enclosures* is at the Royal Museum until September 12. Fay Godwin's way with landscape is well known, though it must be said that this display of her Scottish pictures contains the dutiful as well as the inspired.

Cattrell, who has worked closely with her, is a formidable landscape photographer in his own right, with (in this hand-picked show at least) an obsessive edge to his work which finds the most amazing visions in the heart of the unnoticed, and peoples the bleakest terrains with ghosts of men who have been, touched and gone.

John Russell
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Hilary Finch

Putting Shaw into context

THEATRE

Irving Wardle, in *Niagara*, reports on three Shavian assaults on the British monolith

One thing in favour of Niagara's Shaw Festival is that it has no aspirations as a Shavian Bayreuth. You can put in a week's theatregoing there without seeing anything by Shaw. The Shaw Shop is just another tourist boutique along the toytown frontage of Picton Street, and there is no sense whatever of any "Shakespearean" rivalry towards the Stratford, Ontario, Shakespeare Festival.

What might appear as Niagara's main handicap — its limitation to plays by Shaw and his contemporaries — also has its advantages, as it has generated some rare discoveries and re-examinations of familiar work (like this year's all-adult *Peter Pan*) under the umbrella of a popular event. Side by side with revivals of Coward, Ben Travers and Thirties musicals, there is some serious programming going on, such as a sequence on the American Dream that began last year with Philip Barry's *Holiday* and now continues with June Havoc's *Marathon*. *Thirty-three* — a production (by Duncan McIntosh) so true to the miseries of the Depression that it provoked complaints from some elderly spectators on grounds of excessive accuracy.

One thoroughly Shavian effect of these counter-attractions is to supply a context for Shaw himself, represented this year by Major Barbara, *Fanny's First Play* and *Augustus Does His Bit* — three assaults on the British monolith whose imperviousness to the attack leaves them looking as fresh as ever.

Augustus is Shaw's post-mortem on the British public schoolboy at war, its hero being a bone-headed military idealist frothing with indignation that his recruiting speech to the citizens of Little Fillingdon, offering generous widows' pensions, has not stampeded the entire male population into enlisting. On



Major Barbara: Martha Burns as Barbara, capable of an uncharacteristic erotic charge, and Ted Dykstra as Snobbery

this, and other urgent national issues, he is put right by an old caretaker who points out that if only the German army would turn up in the pubs on Saturday nights they could be sure of getting a good fight.

The interesting thing about this little piece (otherwise a shameless rewrite of *The Man of Destiny*) is its wholehearted support for career bureaucracy against the governing classes. Caretaker, clerk, union official and a permanent secretary, the old man is a whole Civil Service department rolled into one; and in Douglas Rain's downtrodden, ironist, deflating the unformed windbag in his own good time, he is a joy to watch.

Mr Rain turns up again at the far end of the ironic scale as the armaments millionaire Undershaft in Christopher Newton's sumptuous main-house production of *Major Barbara*. This, you may recall, is the play that defines poverty as the "worst of crimes" and proclaims that "nothing is ever done in this world until men are prepared to kill one another if it is not done". These are not passing exchanges in a Shavian debate; they are Shaw's own considered beliefs, put into the mouth of a character —

Undershaft — whom Shaw declared to be always in the right. Both statements are pernicious and untrue; and yet, except in the last act (where Shaw admitted that "my inspiration... is gone"), the play always works.

For it to do so, though, it is not necessary to take Undershaft at his own valuation. He is also Mephistopheles, a factor on which this production seizes so as to give the devil his due while highlighting other areas of experience over which he has no control. Thus the Salvationist scenes come down to earth with a genuinely un-Shavian attitude to poverty; while an erotic charge even less typical of this author flashes between Martha Burns's Barbara and Jim Mezon's Adolphus. Family explosions of interpenetrating anger and bullying surge round the peaceable war-profiler who responds with unruffled courtesy because he has no feelings at stake. To begin with, you doubt whether the inconspicuous Mr Rain will ever hold his own against this pack of high-status egotists, led by a stupendous Lady Britomart (Frances Hyland) who inspects the Perivale munitions works through narrowed eyes as if it were the

fashionable side of Grosvenor Square.

As in *Augustus*, Mr Rain asserts his authority by enforcing his own measured pace on the company. As a model capitalist employer his arguments unfold with prophetic clarity. Within a year, he says, any "half-saved ruffian" entering his workforce will be joining the Conservative Party. As a domestic character, mischievously demolishing his daughter's faith and putting his son through a dialectical bacon-slicer, he chills the blood — even before the moment when he finally abandons his deferential masquerade and announces, as if in a flash of red fire, "I am your government". Irony is the traditional weapon of the weak against the strong; the dialectical achievement of this play, taken to the limit in Rain's performance, is that it reverses that proposition.

Fanny's First Play is a comedy constructed in concentric circles, each one illustrating the power of habit. The innermost circle features two sets of parents whose world turns upside down when they discover that their children have spent a night in jail and that their butler is really a duke. That is *Fanny's* play; and the next circle shows its impact on her reclusive father and the hidebound critics he has invited to the occasion. Originally, the 1911 audience to whom Shaw offered the play anonymously constituted its third circle.

That option is no longer available, but Duncan McIntosh's production makes amends by substituting Canada's three leading critics for Shaw's long-vanished trio, and staging the piece on the floor of Niagara's early-Victorian Court House — a setting which embodies to perfection the required sense of a private makeshift stagecraft and background splendour. Too much of *Fanny* consists of people relating funny things that happened offstage; but this production makes a decisive comic take-off once David Schurmann's blue-blooded menial gets into his stride, and the critics get busy with remarks like "I've repeatedly proved that Shaw is psychologically incapable of the note of passion". Alas, we are still saying things like that.

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It is hardly surprising that tartan is popular. It provides that snap of graphic pattern and colour that every designer needs for the new season. Tartan unites some motley kinsmen. Saint Laurent and Gaultier in Paris ally with the clans whose plaids clash the loudest in acid yellow, black and red. Ralph Lauren in New York displays allegiance to the Gordons (their tartan is in dark blue, black and green with yellow) for his newest classics. The Scottish designer Alistair Blair dictates to the mills for his own bright colours, lavender and mustard, for nipped-waist tartan jackets.

Purists among the fashionable are never content with such adaptations of the original. Any of them who recently jostled with the French, Italians or Japanese jammed inside a London branch of The Scotch House cannot have failed to notice canny refinements in their beloved Highland classics.

David Quelch, the new managing director of its retailing division, hopes the changes will scarcely be noticed. "We are not interested in fashion," he says. "We plan to stick to high quality and more progressive classics."

Samuel Pattison, ex-Scots Guard and the company piper, wears full Highland dress to act as an informal guide to the store on the Brompton Road, in Knightsbridge. Along with David Doig, the Highland expert who runs the circular panellied Tartan Room, and a team of multi-lingual assistants, Pattison is available to explain the niceties of the Montrose doublet (a Highland evening coat) or the Prince Charlie (a short-tailed mess jacket).

Fiorella Massey is the new young design director injecting some cosmopolitan notions, like running tartan ribbon up and down the edge of a Shetland cardigan, playing around with the scale and colouring in plaids, and making sure that tiny details, like the shape of a shoulder pad or the width of a crew or V-neckline on a cashmere sweater, are flattering.

The newest branch of The Scotch House opens in France, in Lille, on September 10. It already shares the Burberry shop in Paris, and with branches in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Windsor as well as three key sites in London, The Scotch House continues to turn fashion into a tourist attraction.

Right: Red Shetland wool cardigan banded in tartan ribbon, £22.50, also available in green, yellow and pale blue; narrow, pleated-front trousers, in a selection of tartans, £75; cotton shirt with ruffled collarband and cuffs, £39.50; sporran, £16; jewelled Celtic pin, £12.50; all from The Scotch House. Red tartan banded tam-o'-shanter, £9.95; Zone at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1

Below: Royal Stuart tartan accordion-pleated mid-calf skirt, £115; Kelly green wool mess jacket, £97.50; horse-head and paisley printed shirt with tie, £50; leather sporran, £25; all from The Scotch House. Tartan tam-o'-shanter on velvet band, £17.95; tartan muffler, £17.95; both Zone at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1.



PEOPLE

The right stuff

"Fewer labels, but more of the right ones" has been Clare Stubbs's buying ethic since becoming fashion director at Harrods late last year. The right label this week belongs to a 32-year-old New Yorker, Carmelo Pomodoro, who arrives in London on Thursday to introduce his line of relaxed separates to London's career women in a series of fashion shows in Harrods's Executive Dressing department.

Mostly in wool jersey and in the designer's favourite blonde shades from ivory and sand to henna or camel, Pomodoro's collection provides the sort of packable, confident, interchangeable wardrobe that a working woman needs. Prices start at £89 for a short skirt and run to £399 for a leather and ribbed wool dress.

Nicole Farhi, Max Mara, Giorgio Armani's lower-priced Mani collection and Paul Costelloe are among the other

labels to look for in the Executive Dressing department, where Clare Stubbs's streamlining influences are already noticeable, although the refit of her four and a half fashion acres in Harrods's £200 million "restoration" does not begin until the New Year.

Pomodoro's fashion shows in Harrods are at 11am, noon, 2pm and 4pm on Thursday.

Filling a gap

Bleached denim, sweats and track trousers in a dazzling choice of colours, that whole laid-back dress ethic of the West Coast, remains the spearhead of the American fashion invasion over here.

The Gap, the San Francisco-based fashion chain that specializes in all-American sportswear for men, women and children at a moderate price, has had a warm enough welcome in its first shops in Croydon, Richmond and London's Oxford Street to branch out again. Its biggest store here yet opens on Saturday at 218 Regent Street.



Above: Blazer, in red and yellow miniaturized plaid, £110; yellow turtleneck jumper, £49.50; pencil skirt, shortened to above the knee, £110; all from The Scotch House. Tartan and leather bag, £46.50, Liberty, Regent Street, W1. Leather gloves, £23.55. Dents, available from major department stores. Opaque cotton tights, £5.95. Sock Shop, All clothes from The Scotch House, Brompton Road, SW1; 185 Regent Street, W1; Oxford Street, W1; Windsor; Glasgow; Edinburgh
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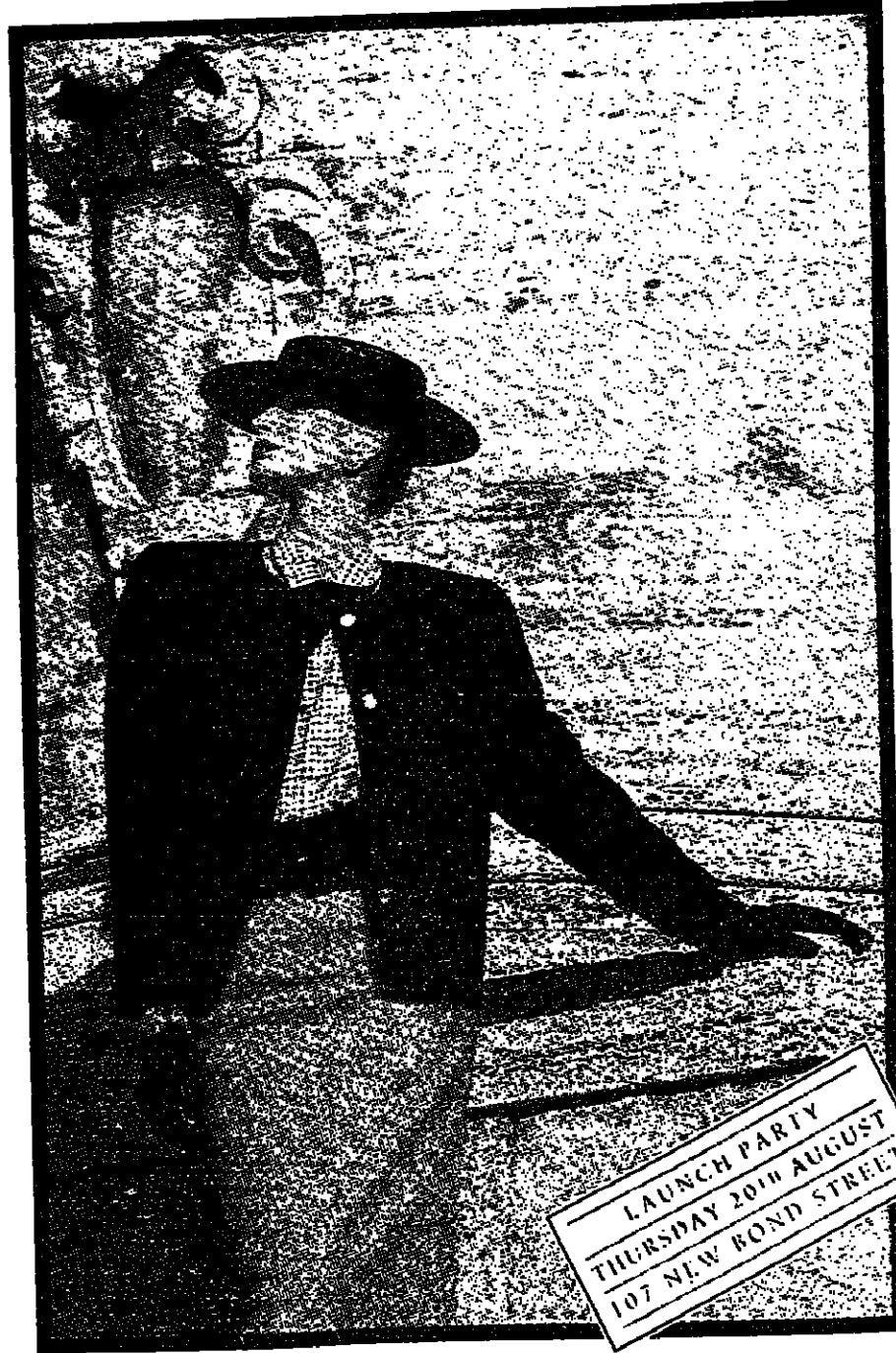
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Profits
up 58%
at BSR

Pretax profits at BSR International, the electronics company, have continued the recovery begun 18 months ago, rising strongly at the interim stage to £5.7 million, up 58 per cent. The dividend was increased from 0.6p to 0.65p.

Turnover was down 38 per cent to £93 million, largely due to the disposal of the Taiwan-based Capetronics group of electronics subsidiaries at the end of 1986.

However, improved performances from the remaining businesses meant operating profits were just £200,000 down at £5.7 million. Interest costs fell from £2.4 million to £300,000.

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C&W sale

Cable and Wireless is selling C&W Incotel, its wholly-owned US subsidiary, to Lane Telecommunications of Houston, Texas. Mr Joseph Crouch, Cable and Wireless director for North America, said: "Although Incotel is a leading supplier of store and forward message switch systems, its activities are not closely related to group strategy."

Lawrie lower

Lower tea production and weaker tea prices led to a steep fall in profits at Lawrie Group, the Kent tea and coffee planter. Pretax profits sank to £2.6 million from £6.8 million on reduced sales of £11.07 million. But the dividend for the year is going up 5p to 45p from earnings per share of 64.47p.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	2690.21 (+4.78)
Dow Jones	25378.88 (-115.13)
Hong Kong	3510.86 (-1.49)
Amsterdam	330.12 (+3.3)
Sydney	2110.0 (-4.5)
Frankfurt	2061.1 (+20.0)
Brussels	5404.4 (+2.5)
General	413.9 (+2.5)
Paris	600.60 (-1.0)
Zurich	86.57 (-0.36)
London	2259.6 (-35.8)
FT 30	1784.0 (-21.3)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Trent Holdings	193p (+150)
Press Tools	143p (+28p)
President Ents	244p (+14p)
Higgin & Job	600p (+250p)
British Syphon	174p (+22p)
B. Bank	357p (+50p)
Seelock Group	357p (+14p)
Bkai Group	245p (+20p)
Chesna Man	315p (+30p)
Chancery Sales	341p (+16p)
Interlink Express	456p (+35p)
FALLS:	
Summe Clothes	201p (-27p)
Shall	1418p (-25p)
Standard Charr	1293p (-47p)
RTZ	729p (-13p)
Taylor Woodrow	473p (-13p)
Wholesale Pitts	472p (-13p)
Keap Trust	457p (-45p)
Storehouse	389p (-15p)

INTEREST RATES

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3-month Interbank	10 1/4-10 1/2%
3-month eligible bills	9 1/4-9 1/2%
US Prime Rate	8 1/4%
Federal Funds	6 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills	6 00-5.97%
30-year bonds	101-101 1/2%

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Pilkington in \$574m buy

Deal lifts world lens market share to 15%

By Colin Campbell

Pilkington Brothers, one of the world's largest producers of glass products, yesterday agreed a \$574 million (£361 million) deal to buy the "vision care" businesses of Revlon, taking it into the top division of the optical products market.

The acquisition of Barnes-Hind and Coburn will be Pilkington's largest-ever, giving it an overall 15 per cent stake in the world ophthalmic market. Each week an estimated 1 million people worldwide buy a pair of optical spectacles.

The deal takes Pilkington closer to its goal of generating at least 30 per cent of group profits from developed advanced technology businesses by 1990. These divisions made 7 per cent of last year's trading profit and would have accounted for 16 per cent of group trading profit had yesterday's deal been effective last year.

Mr Antony Pilkington, the chairman, said the acquisition was a remarkable product fit and a cash generator, which would improve the quality of group earnings.

Pilkington first became

associated with the ophthalmic industry 30 years ago with the manufacture of glass lens blanks by Chance Pilkington. Acquisitions since then include Birch Stigmat, Sola and Syntex Ophthalmics, and turnover from the division has grown from £3.2 million in 1971 to £119.3 million for the year ended March.

The acquisition, which needs shareholders' approval, will be funded roughly 70 per cent by new ordinary shares

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after a placing to raise £255 million net, with the balance paid in cash from existing borrowing facilities.

Arrangements were in hand yesterday to place 91.73 million new shares at 290p each, with a clawback provision enabling ordinary shareholders to participate on the basis of one new share for every seven held. Pilkington's shares eased from 315p to 300p.

The company admits there will be a 7 per cent earnings a share dilution factor in the first year because of the size of the issue, but underlined the

medium to longer-term benefits that should follow.

"The principal benefit to Pilkington shareholders is that there will be a major increase in group profits from our business in the ophthalmic industry, which enjoys high margins and high returns on assets, and has shown significant and steady growth," Mr Pilkington said.

The businesses being acquired from Revlon include contact lens and solutions, lens-processing equipment and spectacle lens operations. Just over 80 per cent of their business is conducted in the US, where an estimated 120 million people need vision care. Pilkington has its own ophthalmic interests through the Sola Group, but the Revlon deal will widen its geographical network.

The expected benefits of the purchase include a stronger American presence, a greater product range outside the US, and a worldwide integrated business in glass and plastic lenses, contact lenses and contact lens solutions.

The deal is expected to be completed by the end of next month.



Bringing the US 'vision care' market into focus: Antony Pilkington, the chairman

Retail sales hit record level

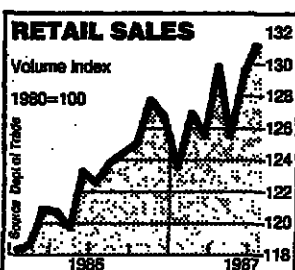
By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Retail sales rose strongly to record levels last month, Department of Trade and Industry figures showed.

The figures provided further confirmation of the strength of spending in the economy, but are likely to add to City fears about overheating.

Retail sales volume rose by 1.4 per cent in July, to 7 per cent above its level a year earlier. The index of sales volume increased to 131.2 (1980=100) from 129.4 in June.

In the May-July period, sales were 1 per cent up on the previous three months, and 5.5 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of last year. The average weekly value of sales last month was



£1.955 billion, up from £1.88 billion in June.

DTI officials said the trend of retail sales was still firmly upwards, with evidence that the summer clearance sales had been highly successful.

Mr Richard Weir, director-general of the Retail Consortium, said the figures were good, but denied retail spending was too strong for the good of the economy.

"Let's make it absolutely crystal clear that there is solid

growth," he said. "July represents a good solid month but not one to cause hysteria about shortages of goods, inflation and the rest."

"It is very improbable that volume increases of this sort are going to lead to a sudden surge in imports. This is good for British industry and good for jobs."

But City economists were less sanguine about the figures. "The figures give ammunition to the bears," said Mr Neil MacKinnon, UK economist at Nomura Research Institute. "Those people who were looking for some justification for the rise in base rates can find it here."

"They confirm strong spending in the economy and that the trade figures for the remainder of the year will be in deficit. The risk on base rates is on the upside."

Unilever's £373m fails to please

By Carol Ferguson

The stock market wiped £450 million off Unilever's value yesterday, despite a 30 per cent jump in its second-quarter pretax profits to £373 million.

The fats, foods and detergents multinational said the principal factors behind the profits increase were improved margins, a sustained level of underlying sales volume growth and the effect of acquisitions.

But the market, which had been looking for profits of nearer £420 million, was disappointed with the results and the shares were quickly marked down 57p to 658p.

Mr Robert Brand, analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, said the City has become accustomed to Unilever's quarterly results well up to expectations.

"But this time the market got carried away ahead of the results and the stock went up like a rocket in the last month, outperforming the market by 11 per cent," he said.

At the operating level, profits were up 24 per cent to £392 million at constant rates of exchange. In Europe, operating profit was up 33 per cent to £241 million and in North America, by 41 per cent to £58 million.

The impact of the Chesebrough-Pond's acquisition in the US was to increase operating profits in the first half by 11 per cent. The total half-year operating profit was up 40 per cent.

Unilever, which paid \$3.1 billion (£1.9 billion) for Chesebrough-Pond's last year, revealed that disposals of surplus Chesebrough-Pond's businesses, including Stauffer Chemical, Prince and Bass, will realize about \$2 billion.

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£77m sale ties up Beecham strategy

By John Bell, City Editor

Beecham is selling DAP, its US home improvements products group, for £123 million cash (£77 million).

The buyer, USG Corporation, Chicago, is expected to complete the deal on September 1.

This completes Beecham's withdrawal from the home improvement products market in a three-stage disposal which will raise £150 million.

Last year Beecham appointed Mr Robert Bauman as

new chairman with a wide brief to restructure the group.

The first disposal, of the European home improvement companies to Henkel of West Germany, raised £42 million.

In April, Roberts Consolidated Industries, a group of floor-covering accessory companies, in Los Angeles, was sold to a US buyer.

After costs of the DAP sale have been deducted, the proceeds will be used for "general financing purposes," said Beecham.

Pearson rises by 16% at half-time

By Alexandra Jackson

Pearson's pretax profits for the half-year to end-June matched market expectations yesterday, by rising 16 per cent to £51 million, despite a substantial drop in profits from Royal Doulton, the fine china subsidiary. The interim dividend is going up from 5p to 6p.

Although the group composition changed during the last 12 months, the net effect

on the results of acquisitions and disposals was negligible.

Pearson's prestigious portfolio of information and entertainment businesses, including the *Financial Times*, Penguin Books, Madame Tussaud's and *The Economist*, increased profits by 47 per cent to £30.2 million.

This strong performance helped to offset the 64 per cent

drop in Royal Doulton's profits to £2.5 million.

Investment banking profits rose from £13.7 million to £14.2 million, while those from oil and services interests fell from £3.9 million to £3 million in line with expectations.

By the year-end, it is expected to hold net cash of about £75 million.

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Mercantile break-up stalled

By Our Banking Correspondent

The management of Marshalls, the money-broker, yesterday refused to give its approval to an agreement for Quadrex to buy the money-broker side of Mercantile House. The agreement, reached between Quadrex and British & Commonwealth Shipping over the weekend, is for Quadrex to buy Marshalls and William Street for £280 million if B&C's bid for Mercantile succeeds.

The refusal adds a further twist to the already tortuous

development of B&C's £545 million bid for Mercantile and could herald an exodus of senior management from Marshalls if the deal succeeds.

A spokesman for Marshalls, the world's second-largest money broker, said the company's board was now examining the options open to it. He said: "They are looking at the next step, and this is not the end of the road."

Last weekend, the Marshalls management and CrownX, the Canadian com-

pany which has a big shareholding in Mercantile, put an agreed bid for the money broker to B&C.

It is understood that no firm cash offer was made and the Marshalls management asked B&C for a 45-day delay in its decision. But Mr John Gunn, the B&C chairman, was afraid that Quadrex would return with a higher bid for Mercantile and went ahead with yesterday's agreement.

A large part of Marshalls' objection to the deal is that Quadrex already owns RP Martin, another money-broker operation. The management of William Street, Mercantile's other money-broker operation, is believed to be in favour.

Mr Gary Klesch, the chairman of Quadrex, is hoping to calm the fears of the Marshalls management with inducements of share options and promises of management independence. "There will be no merger with Martin," he said.



Friends for the moment: Gunn (left) and Klesch

Independents likely to dispute control of new oil field

Huge North Sea find reported

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The largest oil find in the North Sea for more than 10 years could be announced soon by a group of independent companies who may have discovered a field that could ultimately produce up to 150,000 barrels a day.

A field producing oil at such a rate would be welcomed by the Government, which has been attempting to encourage exploration to replace fields that are now coming off their peak production rates—but the discovery could lead to a dispute between several companies over who will actually control the field.

The discovery is rumoured to have been made by the Oklahoma-based exploration company Kerr McGee in block 9/18b. The company owns the licence along with Petrofina, Clyde Petroleum, Aran Energy and Kuwaiti interests.

However, it has emerged that the discovery could be an extension of an oil-bearing strata already discovered by Britoil in the adjoining block.

Kerr McGee yesterday refused to comment, apart from saying the well

being drilled by the semi-submersible rig Ocean Bounty was a "tight hole," oil industry jargon for a well on which no information whatsoever is being released.

Kerr McGee and its partners were awarded the licence two years ago under the Government's ninth round of North Sea licensing, in return for a commitment to drill the current exploration well to a depth of 10,000ft into the Jurassic strata. It is understood that the discovery

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has been made at a depth of 5,000ft in the Eocene sands strata and that full testing will be carried out once the 10,000ft depth has been achieved.

This has led to speculation among other oil companies that the Eocene sands area was the real target for the Ocean Bounty drilling crew, particularly as drilling has taken almost two years to begin.

It has also been suggested that Kerr McGee has carried out a repeat formation test (RFT), as its well passed through the Eocene sands, and has

found substantial deposits of light crude oil.

The adjoining block was acquired by Britoil in an auction round of bidding when the company paid £12 million for the licence. The licence was issued in February 1985 and Britoil had drilled into the Eocene sands by the end of the following month. Again the well has been described as a "tight hole," but in subsequent company reports Britoil has admitted it did find heavy oil.

Its exploration team is now awaiting details of the Kerr McGee find before planning its next move.

The field, if it lives up to initial expectations among the industry, could be the same size as the Chevron Ninian field which is producing 155,000 barrels a day, and it is also near the Mobil Beryl field which is producing 86,000 barrels a day.

However, it has also been suggested that the field could be similar to the existing Gannet cluster of fields, which contain pockets of light and heavy oils in what appears to be a random pattern, and that development could be difficult and potentially expensive.

Standard falls 54p on cash call talk

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Shares in Standard Chartered Bank plummeted 54p to 750p yesterday ahead of today's interim figures as the market became convinced that a £500 million-plus rights issue was imminent. The speculation led to a sharp drop in the clearing bank sector where £1.5 billion is being raised in the next three weeks.

Standard, in line with other banks, is expected to announce large exceptional bad-debt provisions to cover £1.7 billion in loans to Third World countries. That will leave the bank with seriously depleted capital ratios which will need to be bolstered with new capital.

Stockbrokers' estimates for the half-year loss to be announced by Standard range from £250 million to £320 million.

Yesterday's speculation suggested that Standard would try for a one-for-one rights issue at about 350p. The steep discount would avoid the need for the issue to be underwritten—the same technique recently used by Midland Bank in its £750 million rights issue.

While there is logic in Standard's need for extra capital, some analysts were sceptical that the bank's principal shareholders would agree to a rights issue that would depress the shares to well below the 800p to 820p they paid for their holdings.

An alternative route for Standard to raise capital would be to sell off parts of its business in the Far East, Africa or North America. Observers, however, pointed out that disposals could take a long time.

● Euratings, the international credit-rating agency, yesterday placed Standard Chartered Bank under review. The agency did not say in which direction the rating was likely to move but said the sale of Stanbic, the group's former South African associate company, had changed the stance of the bank. Stanbic had been a strategic lynchpin in Standard's overseas operations, Euratings said.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Campbell to purchase Irwin Group for £3m

Campbell & Armstrong is to pay £3 million for the Irwin Group, a contractor and shopfitter. Irwin made taxable profits of £176,000 in the year to October 1986 on turnover of £17.4 million, excluding losses of about £1.6 million over five years from property development transactions.

Campbell, which in April paid £1.2 million for Martins Whitehead, a manufacturer of point-of-sale display fixtures, is issuing 1.48 million new shares to pay for the purchase and a further 105,517 to cover its expenses. A total of 1.4 million of these will be offered to shareholders at 203p on the basis of two for every 13 shares held. Its pretax profits rose 39 per cent to £1 million for the year to March.

Property firm in £20m sale

Grosvenor Square Properties, the Associated British Ports Holdings property development subsidiary, has sold an office complex at 192-200 Bishopsgate in the City of London for more than £20 million. Chase Property Holdings, the purchaser, plans to spend £130 million on redeveloping the Bishopsgate site together with another property in Farringdon Street bought for £6.75 million.

China tax cut for foreigners

China has announced a halving of income tax paid by all foreigners working in the country. The Chinese government has ordered the tax cut to be backdated to August 1 and it will apply to all foreigners whether they work for joint ventures or wholly-owned foreign companies. At present, the expatriates pay tax on a sliding scale which rises to more than 40 per cent for high earners.

Asea's £129m stake

Asea, the Swedish electrical engineering company, is paying about Nkr1.4 billion (£129 million) for a 63 per cent stake in Elektrisk Bureau, Norway's largest electronic components maker, in which it has 20 per cent, brokers said.

The move is aimed at creating Norway's biggest private company, with annual turnover of Nkr10 billion. Switzerland's Brown Boveri and Cie, which said it will combine engineering operations with Asea, will also buy the remaining 40 per cent of shares in Norsk Elektrisk Brown Boveri, its Norwegian subsidiary.

Arlington go-ahead

Arlington Securities, the property developer specializing in business parks, has outlined planning consent for a business park at Theale, Berkshire. Work is expected to begin early next year. Arlington estimates the completed development value will be more than £100 million. The company, led by Mr Raymond Mould, managing director (right), recently bought a business park near Bristol.



Humberside bid talks

Mr Quinton Hazell, who was formally installed as chairman of the USMA-quoted Humberside Electronic Controls at the company's emergency meeting in Hull yesterday, is holding takeover talks with two companies in the Midlands.

Mr Hazell told shareholders the company would make a reasonable profit in the first six months of its present year, and that for the full year to end-May 1988 the results would be brought "nearer to a break-even point." In the year to May 31, Humberside made a £350,000 loss.

Short-term worries send share indexes tumbling

By Michael Clark

Storm clouds were gathering over Throgmorton Street yesterday as dealers and fund managers started to take the view that the short-term prospects for the stock market were looking bleak.

Talk of a heavily discounted £500 million rights issue from Standard Chartered, the international banking group, accompanying its figures later today, had share prices beating a ragged retreat during late trading. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which had been drifting through the day on lack of support. It closed 35.8 points down at 2,259.6. The FT index of 30 shares, down 9.7 at 4p, also finished 21.3 points lower at 1,764.0.

Market men, with last account's £25 billion shake-out still fresh in their minds, are already bracing themselves for Thursday's money supply and bank lending figures.

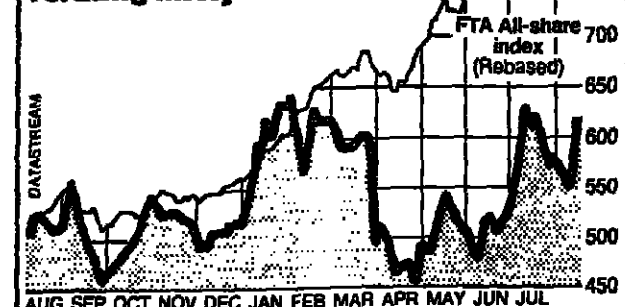
Their fears are being exacerbated by a growing rights issue queue which is threatening to soak up most of the funds belonging to the big City institutions. Next month, fund managers will be asked to "cough up" almost £1.4 billion on two issues alone.

The Midland Bank will be asking shareholders for £700 million as part of its recent rights issue and the Trustee Savings Bank will be calling for a further £680 million, forming part of the second tranche of last year's flotation. Some dealers were yesterday laying the blame for this bout of indigestion firmly at the door of the Bank of England, claiming that the Old Lady should have been paying more attention to the string of companies calling for more cash.

The underwriters of Blue Arrow's recent £837 million rights issue to help finance the acquisition of Manpower, the world's biggest temporary employment agency, may also be starting to squirm. If the audacious bid succeeds, the underwriters could be left with a lot of Blue Arrow paper.

Yesterday, it was the turn of Pilkington Bros, down 15p at 300p, to ask the City to fund its latest acquisition. It is paying £361 million for

KLEINWORT BENSON: rerating likely



Visioncare, a US group and is placing 91.6 million shares at 290p to help pay for it.

Government securities spent a quiet day with losses at the longer end stretching to more than 1/2 at the close.

Oil shares lost ground along with the oil price. BP fell 15p to 354p. Shell, 38p to £14.05. British Oil, 14p to 27p and Barmah, 21p to 569p.

Hawley Group's £47 (£29) a share bid for ADT, the world's biggest security group, values it at more than 20 times earnings - good news for Holmes Protection, another US security group, traded in London. According to Mr Luke Johnson, analyst at Kleinwort Greaveson, the broker, the shares are "very cheap". They closed 2p higher at 149p, on a rating of 10.

Insurance companies made a firm start, helped by reports of a bullish survey on the sector from Wood Mackenzie, the broker, but they soon ran out of steam and drifted lower with the rest of the market.

Wood Mac is said to be a fan of Sun Alliance, down 12p at 988p and Royal Insurance, 5p lower at 493p. Royal was the subject of a "switch" recommendation by BZW, the broker, last week.

Other losers included Commercial Union, 1p to 365p, General Accident, 7p to 987p and Guardian Royal Exchange, 5p to £10.05.

On the takeover front, the focus of attention was again on the merchant banks. This following reports during the weekend that Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, had built a 2 per cent holding in Morgan Grenfell which last week soared from 512p to 569p.

Mr Bond is thought to have joined a number of other interested parties who have been stakeholding in the shares in recent months.

STOCK MARKET

TEMPUS

Caught long in Unilever

Anyone would think Unilever's profits had dropped by 20 per cent, judging by the share price.

But share prices reflect the sum of expectations, and if expectations are disappointed, the share price suffers accordingly.

So when Unilever recorded a 20 per cent profit rise, the market, which had been looking for more, rewarded it by lopping 57p off its share price.

The market-makers, having stocked up in anticipation of better results, were caught long of the shares, and there will now be a bout of indigestion as positions are gradually unwound.

The reality is that these results, while not brilliant, are not at all bad.

An unusually low market-making spend at Lever Brothers in the United States in the last quarter flattered comparisons with the previous year.

The same goes for the change in the accounting treatment of depreciation, which added £13 million.

Acquisitions also helped, especially Chesebrough-Pond's, although this is partly offset by an increase in the net interest charge of £13 million.

In the third quarter, planned heavy product launch spending at Lever Brothers in the United States will reduce profits.

Furthermore, the accounting quirk which boosted the first quarter by adding six days will remove six days from the fourth quarter, depressing the final outcome.

In the longer term, the benefits of the integration of the Chesebrough-Pond's acquisition will begin to show through.

For the full year, analysts are looking for profits before tax of up to £1.45 billion to give a prospective multiple of 15.

The shares are therefore at a discount to the market, but with all this hot money in the shares, there will be few reasons for rushing out to buy them in the short term.

Pearson's prop

Mr Peter Wright may be upset not to have Sycatcher published in Britain but his bank account is not suffering. Pearson's US subsidiary, Viking Penguin, expected to sell about 10,000 copies but has now revised this to nearer 250,000.

But Sycatcher was not published in the first half and its eventual contribution to profits will be infinitesimal. Instead profits are moving ahead, reflecting better figures from information and entertainment interests and a stronger balance sheet.

A growing penetration of the European and US markets pushed The Financial Times' circulation up by more than 10 per cent to 280,000. But the first quarter lacked lustre as advertising revenue suffered from a low level of corporate activity.

The investment in the Westminster Press is paying dividends as its first-half figures showed.

But analysts' peace of mind was shattered by the severity of the downturn in fine china's profits.

Pearson should make £140 million this year. The shares are up on fundamentals but bid talk will continue to prop the price as a takeover bid would be unlikely to come at below £10.

After the acquisition, Philips would retain the North American Philips name while ending its listing on the New York Stock Exchange, where its shares closed at \$42 on Friday.

Last year, NACP reported \$68.5 million net profit on sales of \$4.5 billion of consumer products, lighting, electrical and electronic components and professional equipment as well as medical systems.

He said the plan to take full control of NACP, formed in 1969 when a Philips subsidiary merged with a firm in which it held a 35 per cent stake, took shape in recent months. Philips would buy the majority-owned US subsidiary, North American Philips Corporation (NACP).

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ASDA Foods 383	Courtauld 424	M&S 1,100	Shell 2,700
BSA 488	Delamy 1,200	Midland 593	STC 4,801
BTR 1,100	Dee 4,000	Midwest 1,000	Stan Chart 8,100
BAT 1,800	Dixons 682	NCC 1,000	Stewart 8,100
Bass 1,100	EEC 508	PSO 700	Stn Alliance 125
Beecham 1,300	Fisons 2,100	PIA 114	Tarmac 1,400
BICC 32	Gen Acc 111	Pearson 1,500	TBS 2,600
Biffaward 202	GEC 9,100	Pension 3,000	Tesco 3,100
BOC 225	Globe 88	Plessey 5,500	Thorn EM 1,100
Boots 842	Globe 88	Prudential 103	Triglav 485
BPC 388	Globe 88	RAF 1,200	Turner & N 400
BPC 912	Grand Med 736	Rank 567	Ukrainian 1,800
Br Aero 1,600	GUS A 175	RHM 68	Unilever 5,300
Br Airways 859	GNE 184	Rockitt 205	Unilever 5,300
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Br Petrol 18,000	Hanson 5,400	Reuters 487	Unilever 5,300
Br Telecom 3,800	Hawker 741	Royce 5,500	Unilever 5,300
Br Tel 2,000	Hillson 4,000	Royce 5,500	Unilever 5,300
Burd 198	ICI 770	Royce 5,500	Unilever 5,300
Burnham 118	Jaguar 1,800	Royce 5,500	Unilever 5,300
Burnley 3,200	Land Sec 1,400	Royce 5,500	Unilever 5,300
C&W 2,000		Royce 5,500	Unilever 5,300

WALL STREET

Dow's early gain is cut back by profit-taking

New York (Agencies) - The Dow Jones industrial average crossed the 2,700 level yesterday morning for the third consecutive day, but was again pushed back by sellers. The Dow average was up four points at 2,689.43 in early trading after reaching 2,701 in opening dealings.

The Transportation Index fell six points.

North American Philips jumped 10 1/2 to 52 1/2. North American said that its board had met and appointed a special committee of outside directors to evaluate a proposal made by Philips of Holland, its principal shareholder. Philips of Holland is offering \$50 cash a share for the 42 per cent of North American not already owned.

North American said that on completion of its deliberations, the special committee will report its findings and evaluations to the full North American board; the board will then write to shareholders.

On Friday, the Dow slipped by 6.06 to 2,685.43.

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Hawley bids \$635m for top US security firm

By Michael Tate

Mr Michael Ashcroft has launched a \$635 million (£400 million) takeover bid that could make his Hawley Group the biggest single company involved in America's fight against crime.

The offer is for ADT Inc of New Jersey, the biggest burglar and fire alarm services group in the world. Mr Ashcroft wants to merge ADT with his US security arm, Electro-Protective Corporation, which is itself the fourth largest in the US market.

The bid was sprung on an unsuspecting market yesterday and was harnessed to a \$400 million Euro market issue of convertible preference shares.

The share sale may well provoke controversy, given the recent City guidelines under which existing shareholders are given first option on big share issues. But some advisers were pleased to see the Europeans being asked to finance the deal, and that shareholders' pockets were being spared.

In any case, Mr Ashcroft said yesterday that the guidelines did not apply to Hawley. "We're not a UK company," he said. "Hawley is nowadays based in Bermuda. Less than half our shares are held in the UK and 25 per cent are held in the US."

Hawley is offering a straight \$47 in cash for every ADT share, a price which Mr Ashcroft pointed out yesterday compared with the



Michael Ashcroft: steeling himself for a battle over ADT \$34.25 ruling when the New York Stock Exchange closed on Friday.

It is thought likely that Mr Raymond Carey, the ADT chairman and chief executive, will resist the offer. Mr Ashcroft says he is prepared to fly out to ADT's headquarters in Parsippany to discuss his plans, but is clearly steeling himself for a fight.

its of \$38.3 million before tax on total sales of \$519 million. For the six months to June 30 it reported an increase in earnings per share from continuing operations from \$0.68 to \$0.78. Stockholders' equity at that date was \$147.3 million.

Mr Ashcroft said yesterday that he had been following the progress of ADT for some time and had a high regard for its business operations.

Analysts, who had been expecting Hawley to make some move on the security services side, gave a warmish welcome to yesterday's initiative. ADT is regarded as a solid, well-established company with a somewhat patchy trading record and a less than dynamic management.

Like Mr Ashcroft, they believe there is scope for rationalization. "But they will need to get some rationalization to justify the price," one said.

Mr Mark Sheppard at Phillips & Drew said he was revising his profit estimate for Hawley upward from \$195 million to \$230 million for the current year.

The final redemption date of the new preference shares is 2002, but the precise terms of the issue, arranged yesterday by Credit Suisse First Boston and a group of leading financial institutions including Shearson Lehman, SC Warburg, Salomon Brothers and Morgan Stanley, will be settled in the next few days.

Morgan 'anxious to help inquiry'

By Lawrence Lever

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, clarified yesterday its recent negotiations with the Crown Prosecution Service over allowing its executives to be interviewed by Fraud Squad officers investigating Guinness.

The bank's lawyers met the CPS last week. They wanted to know who the CPS was thinking of prosecuting and what its general line of inquiries would be.

A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell said the bank was anxious to co-operate with all the regulatory authorities concerned with the Guinness investigation. But it added that it was also a public company which owed duties to its shareholders and was therefore concerned to protect its own position.

It is understood that the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad would like to interview Mr Christopher Reeves, the former chief-executive of Morgan Grenfell and Mr Graham Walsh, the former head of corporate finance.

Both resigned in the aftermath of the Guinness investigation.

Under the terms of settlements negotiated with them, Morgan Grenfell retains a measure of control over statements they might make which concern the bank's affairs.

The bank has no control over any statements which Mr Roger Seelie, the former-Morgan Grenfell corporate financier, may make.

It is believed that the Fraud Squad also wants to interview a number of present Morgan Grenfell employees, including members of its secretarial and administrative staff.

The CPS is believed to have indicated in general terms who it was interested in prosecuting.

Borland lifts sales by 70%

Borland International, the Californian software company quoted on London's USM, lifted sales by 70 per cent to \$12.4 million (£7.8 million) in the quarter to end-June, reflecting the introduction of new products. Pretax profits rose 35 per cent to \$2.9 million.

Mr Philippe Kahn, the chief executive, yesterday said he was not concerned about the drop in pretax margins from 29 per cent to 23 per cent from the third quarter of 1986 to the same period this year. "This merely reflects our increasing research, development and marketing costs," he said.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Pilkington's clear-eyed vision of its future

The new realism now has two competing dimensions. The brutal financial school strips down and tunes up basic businesses to produce cash flow to buy more basic businesses. The industrialist's counter is the world niche: tempering the endless battle for the high ground in vast markets with attempts to build worldwide leadership in growing markets that are relatively small in any one country.

This makes commercial sense and involves the stream of bids and deals now required by the City as necessary evidence of dynamism. Lord Weinstock's great advance in the world petrol pump market is an excellent example. ICI is up to the same game in various aspects of farm and horticultural supplies.

Pilkington, which successfully fought off the brutal financial school in the shape of BTR at New Year, has the advantage over these two in that it has actually achieved world leadership as well as good profits in its basic flat glass business. That, rather than its strategy of building specialized and high technology glass-related profits to 30 per cent of the group total, earned its independence.

The strategy is no less important for that. Yesterday's deal with Revlon — another big group shifting its stance — builds that proportion from 7 to 16 per cent in one go, although full-year benefits from price rises in the flat glass business may trim that percentage back.

The significant but not crippling cost is to cut pro forma earnings per share by 7 per cent. But shareholders are unlikely to complain too loudly about that, even though Pilkington shares dropped another 15p and are now 16 per cent off their 1987 high. Recovery in flat glass cannot go on for ever. The group needs a serious new business segment with different qualities of steady growth and some protection from commodity-type markets. To that end, the 30 per cent target should not be a final one, since fringe diversification takes up more management effort than it is worth.

By far the greatest importance of the Revlon "vision care" deal, however, is that it more than doubles Pilkington's size in ophthalmics and builds it a 15 per cent share of the world market for looking after people's eyes. That is not world leadership but puts St Helens' finest in the first rank, well placed in the dominant American market.

In some segments, the market share will be higher. And by adding Barnes-Hind to its previous purchase of Syntex, Pilkington will be strong in the fast-developing technology of contact lenses, which is unlikely to be so easy to enter in the future.

The combination of research and production ability with an all-round eye care market which is increasingly more concerned with quality than price looks promising for Pilkington. Moreover, the

same world strategy can be applied to other high technology products Pilkington has picked up.

The days when big companies viewed small but profitable speciality offshoots with benign neglect are surely over. Pilkington is merely the exception that proves the rule that world-scale companies based on the increasingly insignificant British market are at a disadvantage in competing with American, Japanese and often West German companies. They need to adjust their sights, in both industrial and profit terms, to take advantage of strengths too often unconsidered in the past.

Quadrex bid dangers

At first glance, yesterday's agreed sale of the Mercantile House money-broking operations by their recent purchaser, British & Commonwealth group, appears to mark the end of Mercantile's dismemberment. The mysterious Quadrex group, owned and headed by Gary Klesch, is to buy the broking operations, Marshalls and William Street, for £280 million in cash. Credit Lyonnais has previously signed up to acquire Alexander's Laing & Cruickshank, the former Mercantile stockbroking side and British & Commonwealth's chairman, John Gunn, wishes to keep the third big component of Mercantile, the US-based Oppenheimer fund management group.

The Quadrex announcement could, however, just as easily prove to be the end of the beginning of the story rather than the beginning of the end. For Gunn and Klesch, both of them with extensive experience of the money-broking business, know only too well that the prime assets of such operations all leave the office to go home every evening. Any indication from the Marshalls' management team that they are far from content to go along with the Quadrex purchase has to be taken seriously indeed. Any defections among senior executives might impair a business as substantial and well thought of as Marshalls, especially if they were to leave to plough their own furrow.

Marshalls' senior executives have for some time been attempting to organize a buyout of their business, in part because they viewed Quadrex's money-broking business, RP Martin, as far from the perfect associate. Now that their discontent is public knowledge, they can expect a number of options to appear. If they manage to fix a buyout proposal on terms similar to those of Quadrex's offer, they pose a serious problem for B&C and Klesch. If Quadrex were to proceed, either under the terms announced yesterday or via the alternative of a full counter-bid for Mercantile House, Mr Klesch would be buying a disaffected people business — rarely a good idea.

Abbey to sell only Friends' policies

By Peter Gurnham, Family Money Editor

Abbey National, Britain's second biggest building society yesterday became the latest society to announce its marketing plans for life assurance products through its 700 branches, once the Financial Services Act comes fully into force in 1988.

Unlike other big societies, such as the Halifax, Nationwide and Leeds Permanent, Abbey is not going to be an independent intermediary. Instead it is following the lead set by Barclays, Lloyds and Midland banks of using its branches as representative offices of a single life company.

From January 1, Abbey branches will act as representatives for the Friends Provident Life Office. In addition, the society's subsidiary broking company, Abbey Nat-

ional Insurance Services, will become an independent intermediary, which will operate quite separately.

If Abbey's broking subsidiary wishes to recommend the Friends' Provident products, it will be under a heavy onus to prove that the recommendation is "best advice."

The strict polarization between independent advice and single-company representation is being forced on financial institutions by the Securities and Investments Board, the government-designated chief regulator under the new legislation. The purpose of polarization is to enable customers to know exactly whether they are being offered impartial advice or just being sold the products of one company.

Ulster stems drop in factory jobs

By Our City Staff

Northern Ireland's manufacturing industry is showing marked signs of revival, encouraged by Britain's spending boom, says a quarterly survey of Ulster's business prospects published yesterday by PA Management Consultants.

The decline in manufacturing employment has slowed and the 90 firms in the survey, employing about 40 per cent of the province's manufacturing workforce, are employing as many workers as a year ago.

"The trends we have noticed in the last two or three quarters are being sustained. Current orders are holding up well and are 5 per cent higher than this time last year and future investment intentions are 19 per cent higher for next

year," said Mr Gil Warnock, a senior consultant at PA.

"After a jittery summer in the stock market and the scares of last week coming from London, this is all good solid news for Northern Ireland," he said.

But, referring to the rise in base rates, he said future intentions "could be very much dampened by dearer money."

The revival in manufacturing is particularly marked in footwear and clothing, reflecting the UK high street spending spree.

"It shows that Ulster companies are prepared to go out and fight for their market share, but they have to work very hard," he said.

Blagden rises 50% at half time

By Joe Joseph

Blagden Industries, supported by the strength of its European steel drum business, yesterday reported a 50 per cent rise in interim pretax profits to £3.47 million.

The rise was helped by the sale of Blagden's plastics moulding business, which weighed on profits in the first half of last year.

Blagden has been focusing its efforts by shedding those interests outside its main-stream activities.

This helped to limit the rise in turnover, which grew by about £4 million to £70.62 million.

There will be a halfway dividend of 3.7p, compared with an interim of 3.5p last year.

Tainting the overall picture was a £425,000 loss suffered by the group's packaging interests in Spain, which has been forced to alter some of its packaging since joining the European Economic Community.

EEC rules that prevent Spain from transporting certain commodities, such as olive oil, in steel drums led to a 20 per cent fall in business and substantial restructuring and redundancies at Blagden's Spanish arm.

Blagden is keen to develop substitutes for steel in its packaging business, and is on the verge of buying a small European plastics firm.

Mr Tecwyn Wilkinson, the deputy chairman and chief executive, said stronger de-

mand for plastic packaging helped to boost the British packaging activities, although business in drum reconditioning is still not meeting Blagden's hopes.

Blagden expects its chemicals manufacturing and trading activities, which accounted for just over £13 million of the turnover, to continue to do well despite higher raw material prices.

It is also looking to add pharmaceuticals and cosmetics to its chemical activities.

Joan wows them in the City

Actress Joan Collins, star of the American soap opera *Dynasty*, yesterday scotched misinformed rumours that she has split up with her latest beau, "Bungalo" Bill Wiggins, by allowing him to accompany her to a City luncheon. The couple attended an in-house lunch of the directors' dining room in the London Wall offices of John Gove, the investment management group. "She is a delightful lady and we had a delightful lunch," says Ian Kennedy, the firm's strategic fund manager, who dined alongside her. But he refuses to reveal whether or not Joan has now joined their prestigious list of clients. Sounding a trifle embarrassed, he says "I'm not prepared to say anything more than that."

Multi-millionaire Joan, who is in London for five days before returning to Los Angeles on Wednesday to resume filming *Dynasty*, is being equally tight-lipped. "I was just having lunch," she told me.

Is the train feeling the strain? One of British Rail's Red Star parcel boggies at Ipswich station boasts a bumper sticker proclaiming "Trucks keep Britain rolling".

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Remember Times past

What price a page in *The Times*? According to Phillips, the auctioneers, at least £700. On Wednesday of next week they will be auctioning a page from the newspaper dated July 24, 1967, and bearing an advertisement for the law against marriage is immoral in principle and unworkable in practice, with the

also wave the flag. But while outlining details of Pilkington's latest acquisition yesterday, and reminding the largely bespectacled Press corps that those over 45 invariably need vision care, it was noticeable that the sprightly 51-year-old chairman Antony

Pilkington is blessed with such good vision that he does not need glasses. Fortune does not, however, entirely smile upon him. Just like Sir Terence Conran of Storehouse, he too has had his holiday interrupted. He had to dash from Milan at the weekend to be here in time for the Revlon eye deal but hopes to be back in Italy sightseeing later today.

Dog eats dog
Isn't it a shame that some of the less-serious Fleet Street newspapers so blatantly abuse the adjective "exclusive"? I couldn't believe my eyes yesterday when a down-market tabloid thus labelled its front page story, along with a banner headline "Secret pay-offs to fight violence". For the record, the story that followed — about the £500,000 vigilante fund set up by Hawley chairman Michael Ashcroft in conjunction with Scotland Yard — was exclusively revealed in this column precisely four months ago.

"That's done it — I'm putting in for a transfer to the NatWest"

No free breakfasts

Who says insider dealing is a thing of the past? A leak from a confidential New York City police report reveals that all cops in the metropolis have been banned from going into some 300 exclusive establishments there, either on or off duty, because the said establishments are suspected of harbouring "corruption-prone activities." One of those thus identified is Manhattan's chic and expensive *21 Club*, a favourite breakfast-time haunt of prominent businessmen. So coveted is membership of the club — despite a fee of \$1,500 for the first year and a menu which lists hamburgers at \$22 a time — that its quota was full even before it had reopened its doors last May after a major refurbishment. "The cops are really fed up — they can no longer get a free breakfast," says a spokesman for the club. But no doubt the membership will be even more prized, now that there is no fear of being overheard by the strong arm of the law.

Could it be that British Rail has at last dragged its image into the 20th century? City yuppies are now being offered suitably hole-punctured train timetables to slot into their already bulging Filofax diaries. The brainchild of InterCity's marketing department, the trendy new guides which incorporate the times of every major destination plus details of Pullman trains and sleeper services, are now available free from travel agents and book-offices.

Carol Leonard

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Faithfully following our buy/sell recommendations you then saw your capital quickly multiply:

Share Bought	Date Bought	Date Sold	Bought at	Sold at	Capital after sale
Saxson	30/03/83	5/04/83	4 1/2p	7 1/2p	£2,068
Dollands Photographic	19/07/83	18/08/83	78p	155p	£3,924
Summerson Group	14/08/83	22/08/83	40p	75p	£13,967

*An allowance of 4 1/2% has been made for dealing costs.

After this major success you decided not to put all your eggs in one basket. So you spent £12,607 buying Lancia at 17 1/2p, keeping back £760 to take a small plunge with WSL (another profitable prospect), buying 2000 shares at 38p. But whoops! Seeing the share drop to 37p after a month a feeling of panic made you sell — losing you £54. If you had waited a few more weeks you would have taken a profit of £280. Then on July 10, you decided to sell Lancia at 40p, yielding you £27,519, and you resolved to go back in at the earliest opportunity.

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£36,998. Over the next 10 months your record looked like this:

Share Bought	Date Bought	Date Sold	Bought at	Sold at	Capital after sale
Greenes King & Sons	09/05/86	07/06/86	400p	530p	£46,168
Southend Stadium	13/06/86	11/07/86	7 1/2p	9 1/2p	£23,012
Comet	17/07/86	10/08/86	45p	27p	£68,775
Wire & Plastics	26/08/86	10/09/86	28 1/2p	47p	£71,881
Star Plus Group	24/09/86	18/09/86	27 1/2p	34p	£34,474

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MY spends £1.2m on carton maker

MY Holdings has bought Thomas Bushill and Sons for £1.2 million, Bushill, of Coventry, makes printed, folding cartons for the consumer trade. It is managed by Mr Nicholas Bushill, who will remain with the business and has a service contract expiring in March 1990. The £1.2 million consideration will be satisfied by £363,000 in cash, £501,000 in loan notes and 477,994 new ordinary MY shares.

Mr Bushill, who is the main shareholder, is taking about 50 per cent of his consideration in shares and has undertaken not to dispose of any of these for the first year after the completion of the acquisition.

ECOBRI HOLDINGS: The company has agreed terms, in principle, to buy the Zurich Group, a property developer, for 70 million ordinary shares. Zurich will have net assets of about £5.5 million by September 30 and its directors forecast pretax profits for the year to April 30, 1988, at not less than £2 million. Zurich's directors warrant that pretax profits for the three years ended April 30, 1991, will be not less than £9 million. Should they be less than £9 million, Zurich's existing shareholders will pay Ecobri £1.1 million.

CALCUTTA ELECTRIC SUPPLY: Year to March 31. Profit, before tax and contingencies reserve appropriation, 94.77 million rupees (£4.6 million), against 94.43 million rupees. Gross income 3.21 billion rupees (3.03 billion rupees).

COMPANY NEWS

Dividend unchanged at 1.6 pence. **AO STANLEY:** Six months to June 28. With figures in 4000: Interim dividend 1.65p (1.5p). Sales 33,905 (31,145). Pretax profit 1,308 (1,078). Earnings per share 3.14p (2.55p).

CABLE AND WIRELESS: The group has sold C&W Incotel, a US subsidiary, to Lane Telecommunications of Houston, Texas. The consideration is less than 1 per cent of group net assets and the purchase should be completed within 10 days.

SIMS CATERING BUTCHERS: Sims has agreed to acquire GE Shoulder & Co by the allotment of 5.05 million new Sims shares. Shoulder has agreed to acquire John H Pike (Meat Products) and Bill Giles, and it is intended that these acquisitions should be completed at the same time as the purchase by Sims of Shoulder. Mr Robin Randall holds 51 and 7 per cent respectively of the capitals of Shoulder and Giles.

WESTERN MINING CORP: The offer for Hill 50 Gold Mines NL has been extended for a week, to August 24. Western holds, or has received acceptances for, 52.44 per cent of the issued shares in Hill 50.

EUROPEAN ASSETS TRUST: Six months to June 30. Net income 2.1 million guineas (£226,000), against 1.83 million guineas. Total income 2.61 million guineas (2.38 million guineas). Interim dividend unchanged at 0.04 guineas. Earnings per share 0.06 guineas (0.07 guineas).

Oil below \$19 after talk of Opec breach

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

World oil prices dropped yesterday, with North Sea Brent moving below the \$19 a barrel level for the first time in two months on speculation that Opec was breaching its self-imposed production ceiling of 16.6 million barrels a day.

Opec, however, insists its 13 members are adhering to the agreement reached in Vienna in June.

Mr Rihwan Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister and Opec president, together with other ministers, is visiting non-Opec oil producing countries to brief energy ministers on the cartel's policies.

Dr Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, the Venezuelan energy minister, is expected in Canada today to discuss oil production with the Canadian government. Venezuela is Canada's main supplier of heavier crudes and the countries are also leading suppliers to the United States.

Other Opec officials are also due to meet foreign energy ministers to discuss output levels, although Mr Lukman, who normally looks after relations between Opec and the North Sea producers, has yet to schedule a meeting with Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy.



Rihwan Lukman: briefing ministers on policies

The oil price has also eased because traders in the Far East announced they may have over-reacted to events in the Gulf.

Prices have risen as tension increased in the area, but now traders in Japan say that in future they should not react to every incident. This follows an accidental explosion at a gas plant on the Red Sea coast of Saudi Arabia.

One trader said yesterday: "People are sick of following one bit of Middle Eastern Gulf news after another. An air raid would be nothing new."

A spokesman for Aramco, the Arab-American oil company which produces Saudi output, said: "There is no

indication that the explosion was anything other than an accident."

Meanwhile, oil output from the British sector of the North Sea has returned to near peak levels after dropping to less than 2 million barrels per day during June, its lowest level for five years.

While output was still affected during July by the maintenance closures of the Maureen and Thistle fields, normal production levels at Brae, Forties and Brent took total output up to an average of 2.4 million bpd.

Figures issued by James Capel, the stockbroker, show that although output during July was 28.7 per cent higher than in June, it was still 5 per cent down on the same month last year.

Overall, the North Sea is producing 3.9 million bpd with Norwegian output during July back above the 1 million bpd level at 1,042,271.

This figure will fall by about 185,000 this month because of the closure of the Ekofisk complex.

Output from the Dutch sector has remained static at 60,000 bpd and output from the Danish sector has gone above 100,000 bpd for the first time since the start-up of the Dan F field.

Drop in Soviet industrial output

Soviet industry has turned in a disappointing performance for the first seven months of the year, according to preliminary figures released by the Soviet Statistical Directorate.

While oil and gas production exceeded targets by a small margin, more than 40 per cent of coal producers failed to meet their targets and output of high-grade metals in machine-building fell well below planned levels.

The failure of the metallurgical sector will be a particular blow to Mr Mikhail Gorbachev who singled out machine-building last month as the key to the country's modernization programme.

The setback is partly explained by the introduction of stricter quality controls in January.

This led to nearly 1 per cent of metallurgical output being rejected in the first half of the year.

According to the directorate, the rejection rate cut by one third in July. But even if this improvement is sustained, Soviet industry will be unable to meet the end-of-year targets without a sharp increase in productivity in the remaining five months of the year.

Pearce elected to join Smiths board

Smiths Industries: Sir Austin Pearce joins the board as a non-executive director next month.

Walthamstow Building Society: Mr M McCarthy joins the board.

Smith & Williamson Securities: Mr John Williams becomes an investment director from September 16.

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers Securities: Mr Edward Morris and Mr John Edwards are made joint managing directors.

DEP (UK): Mr Brian Boyce becomes managing director and Mr Richard Griffin sales and marketing director.

Scottish Opera: Sir Gerald Elliot joins the board and will be elected chairman next month.

Clifford's Dairies: Mr Robert Andas and Mr John Haas join the board.

Geisco: Mr Ian Bullen has been appointed director of operations for the UK and Ireland.

Pacific: Mr John Newcombe is elected managing director.

Simplex Electrical Group: Mr Eugene O'Donoghue becomes chief executive.

Freightliner: Mr James Evans is made managing director.

Nuttall: Mr John Grace becomes managing director.

UEI: Mr Jon Richards joins the board.

Standard Chartered: Mr Brian Fitzgerald is elected senior executive officer of the international banking division in London.

Crest Homes: Mr David Shilton joins the board.

Cable and Wireless: Mr Brian Robertson and Mr Gordon Owen are made joint managing directors from September 1.

Kier Kin Sun: Mr Robert Kwan has been appointed non-executive chairman.

Blackwood Hodge: Mr Roger Flinn joins the board as a non-executive director.

Beama: Mr Ray Wigg has been made chairman, international.

APPOINTMENTS

Sir Austin Pearce: non-executive director at Smiths national trade policy committee.

Rockware Group: Mr Ken Stokes becomes an executive director.

Cambridge Electronic Industries: Mr Graham Peck has been made divisional managing director, specialist companies.

Legend Custom Displays: Mr Ray Stephens becomes managing director.

Software Publishing Corporation: Mr Janelle Bodin becomes president.

Datasource: Mr Michael Hobbs joins the board.

Midland Bank: corporate banking directors: Mr Gordon Cairns, City and West End; Mr Barry Seymour, London north; Mr Les Hamel, London south; Mr John Barton, home counties; Mr Stephen Goss, East Anglia; Mr Peter Reid, East Midlands; Mr Brian Wakefield, West Midlands; Mr Joe Fleming, North-east; Mr Jim Roberts, North-west; Mr Alan Jewell, South-east; Mr Alan Barber, South-west; and Mr Alan Griffiths, Wales.

Polytype: Mr Bryan Baker joins the board as a non-executive director.

Chancellor Group: Mr Alan Thomson becomes chief executive.

TIL (Medical) UK: Dr John Dewhurst becomes medical director.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or Loss
1	Praxair	Electricals	
2	Victor Products	Electricals S-Z	
3	Warrington (T)	Building Roads	
4	Squarehorn	Food	
5	Bank of Scotland	Bank/Discount	
6	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
7	Pontals	Electricals L-R	
8	Davis & Newman	Electricals A-D	
9	Guthrie	Electricals E-K	
10	Electronic Rentals	Electricals	
11	Maring	Electricals L-R	
12	Deutsche Bank	Bank/Discount	
13	Warburg SG	Bank/Discount	
14	Canning (W)	Chemicals/Plas	
15	Bank of Ireland	Bank/Discount	
16	Garrett	Bank/Discount	
17	File Indev	Electricals E-K	
18	England (J)	Food	
19	King & Shaxson	Bank/Discount	
20	Halsdown (as)	Food	
21	Lester	Textiles	
22	Hamro Country	Property	
23	Third Mile	Electricals S-Z	
24	Lon Scot	Bank/Discount	
25	Hopkinson	Electricals E-K	
26	Plaster Contr	Electricals L-R	
27	Lester	Electricals A-D	
28	Remold	Chemicals/Plas	
29	Byrnes (Charles)	Electricals A-D	
30	Security Serv	Electricals S-Z	
31	Yorkshire TV	Cinema TV	
32	Stoddard 'A'	Textiles	
33	TVS N/V	Cinema TV	
34	Kearney Benson	Bank/Discount	
35	DSC	Electricals A-D	
36	Rush & Tompkins	Property	
37	Ward Higgs	Building Roads	
38	Microgen	Electricals	
39	Dale Eac	Electricals	
40	Greens Group	Paper/Print/Adv	
41	Johnson Cleaners	Electricals E-K	
42	DDT Group	Electricals	
43	Brenner	Draperies/Stores	
44	Times Newspapers Ltd	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	WEEKLY TOTAL

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High Low Stock Price Change % Gross Yield %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987 High	1987 Low	1987 Stock	1987 Price	1987 Change	1987 %	1987 Gross Yield	1987 %
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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1987 High	1987 Low	1987 Stock	1987 Price	1987 Change	1987 %	1987 Gross Yield	1987 %
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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1987 High	1987 Low	1987 Stock	1987 Price	1987 Change	1987 %	1987 Gross Yield	1987 %
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1987 High	1987 Low	1987 Stock	1987 Price	1987 Change	1987 %	1987 Gross Yield	1987 %
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IBM claims transistor triumph

RESEARCH

By Peter Coy

IBM has introduced experimental transistors that, it claims, are the smallest in the world and the most powerful of their type.

The company says the transistors could, some day, make it possible to forecast weather or recognize human speech on machines the size of today's personal computers, instead of on giant mainframes.

The transistors have the highest "transconductance" of any field-effect transistor ever measured, says Matt Wordeman, a manager at IBM's laboratories in New York.

Transconductance is a measure of a transistor's ability to send a clear, strong electronic signal, a measure of its basic power. The transistors are still

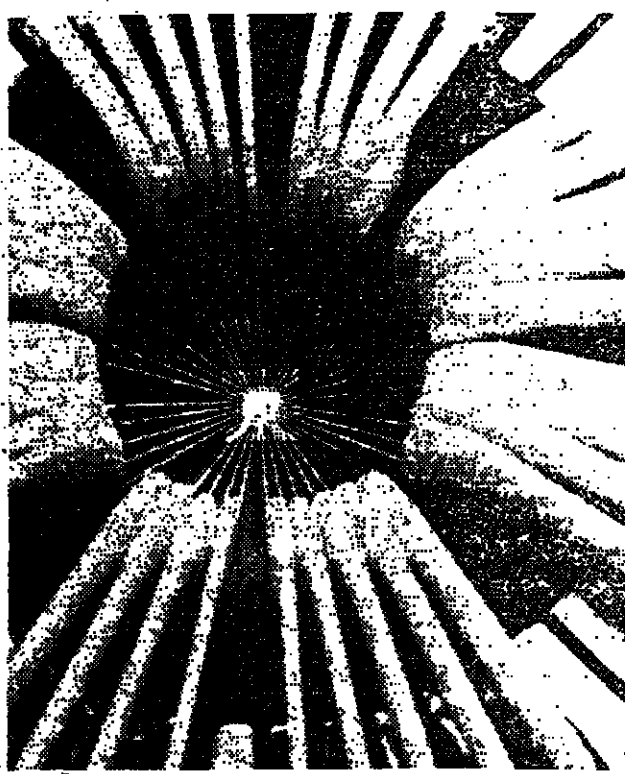
experimental, however, and Mr Wordeman could not say when they might be used in commercial products.

He said: "It's likely that they will at least be an element of the fastest computers possible."

Transistors are the tiny on-off switches that form the basis of computers and other electronic gear. Large chips contain hundreds of thousands of them.

Several laboratories have reported devising transistors that have certain features as small as a tenth of a micron, which is a thousandth the thickness of a human hair. But IBM said its transistors are the first to miniaturize all the critical parts, several of them to tenth-micron dimensions.

Computers run faster with smaller transistors because electrical signals take less time getting from one place to another.



Tomorrow's transistor, according to IBM, New York

Logic chips based on one-tenth micron technology could hold millions of elements and switch signals in as little as 10 trillionths of a second, 10 times faster than those used today, IBM said.

One drawback is that the transistors must be cooled with liquid nitrogen to a temperature of 321 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (minus 195 Centigrade).

Mr Wordeman said the parts that require supercooling could be enclosed in one small part of the computer.

Recent advances in achieving superconductivity at a higher temperature could be useful some time in the future as chips continue to shrink and electrical resistance becomes a more significant problem.

CoCom controversy continues

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

bought and are, in the West, old technology, there are still hard-liners who claim the Soviet Union could find such elderly products as the Apple II useful for military purposes.

Restrictions on the more advanced PC/XT and PC/AT are also likely to be eased but not on the latest PCs such as IBM's PS/2 range.

Outside the rarified field of personal computers, there is less agreement. Last week a report prepared for Nato recommended far harsher penalties for companies caught ignoring CoCom rules. Specifically it suggests that Western companies that knowingly sell equipment or software on the restricted list should be banned from supplying Nato contracts in any Nato countries for up to two years.

The recommendation comes from the high technology transfers committee of the North Atlantic Council, which consists of Nato-country representatives. The council will vote at the end of September on whether to adopt the conclusion.

The report also says high-technology firms should be consulted more when it is decided what goes on or comes off the CoCom restricted list. It also points out that Western firms often complain that the approval system is hopelessly bureaucratic, delaying large contracts by up to 2½ months.

Firms are worried too that the complexity of the technology means that what products are actually covered by

the CoCom list is sometimes a matter of interpretation. A study by the US Academy of Sciences claimed that American firms lost nearly £6 billion in sales because of CoCom restrictions with less than £1 billion concerned with Eastern bloc contracts.

The call for harsher penalties comes after the Toshiba case, which involved technology to make Soviet submarines quieter. Since then the Japanese cabinet has approved stiffer penalties within Japan for those who break export controls increased to a maximum of five years in prison plus fines.

That and other moves by Japan has not been enough for many in the US

Sales must be approved to some countries

month by the Co-ordinating Committee for Multinational Export Controls - CoCom - which is based in Paris. It controls a list of which products should be restricted in their export, particularly to communist countries.

Approval must be given by CoCom before such items can be sold to certain countries. CoCom consists of members of Nato, excluding Iceland but plus Japan. Hence the embarrassment of the Japanese when it was revealed that Toshiba, with a Norwegian firm, Kongberg Vasspenfabrik, had broken CoCom controls.

Most of those personal computers still on the restricted list that use 8-bit processing power are expected to be removed. Yet though they are both easily

£65 million award for laptops

however. Last week Japan's four biggest trading companies denied a report in *The Washington Post* that they had all made illegal sales to the Soviet Union. The article said a CIA report in 1984 named Mitsubishi, Matsui, Marubeni and C. Itoh as those involved.

Last Tuesday, the Pentagon awarded a huge contract of £65 million to provide the military with 90,000 laptop computers to the US firm Zenith. Many believe Toshiba would have won the contract had it not been for the recent problems.

Yet ironically American manufacturers of computer chips increasingly need supplies from their Japanese rivals and Toshiba itself has only recently been asked to supply Motorola with high capacity one-megabit chips.

Civil Service uses more outsiders

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

Several events occurring on the computing front in government this year might make one wonder what is happening on the Civil Service computer job scene.

Central government is modestly increasing its expenditure on information technology to £1.65 billion in 1987-88, compared to £1.41 billion in 1985-86. Within this, however, the amount the Government will spend on outside consultancy and private sector staff will more than double to £110 million in 1987-88.

In 1985-86 the figure was £50 million while Civil Service staff costs were £345 million. Consultancy spending is one way of overcoming the computing staff shortages in the Civil Service.

For the first time, the Civil Service tried to recruit from the private sector as well as from central government. Only 68 of the 250 posts were filled and only 13 of them were people from the private sector.

According to the Central Computing and Telecommunications Agency (CCTA), 20,000 staff are working in government information technology throughout 40 government departments. They are drawn initially from school and university leavers, trained and allocated to the various government departments, according to need.

Until recently this route has been the only way of providing computer staff for government departments. Until now the only way of replacing experienced people who leave has been internally and through promotion.

At the Civil Service Commission in Basingstoke, Hampshire, which was responsible for the recent recruitment campaign to attract private sector staff, they are still appraising the poor results - 13 private sector staff offered posts and only 55 filled from within the Civil Service.

Mostly the vacancies were for systems project leaders, systems analysts and senior programmers at the higher executive officer level with

salaries up to £12,650 plus £2,090 information-technology allowance and at the senior executive officers level of up to £15,500 plus £1,668 IT allowance.

Compared to City salaries, the Government's IT pay bears no comparison.

Mike McGovern, of the CCTA, says: "We admit we've got a problem in London and the South-East, although the Treasury are now looking at a scheme of assisted house purchase. But apart from that, the pay elsewhere in the country is much the same as in the private sector."

The Civil Service unions are not enamoured by the recent attempts to find staff from the private sector. According to a source at the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS), numbers of people leaving the Civil Service are much higher in the computing area than in other sectors of Civil Service staffing.

Quoting a CCTA document, the society says that leavers to the year end March

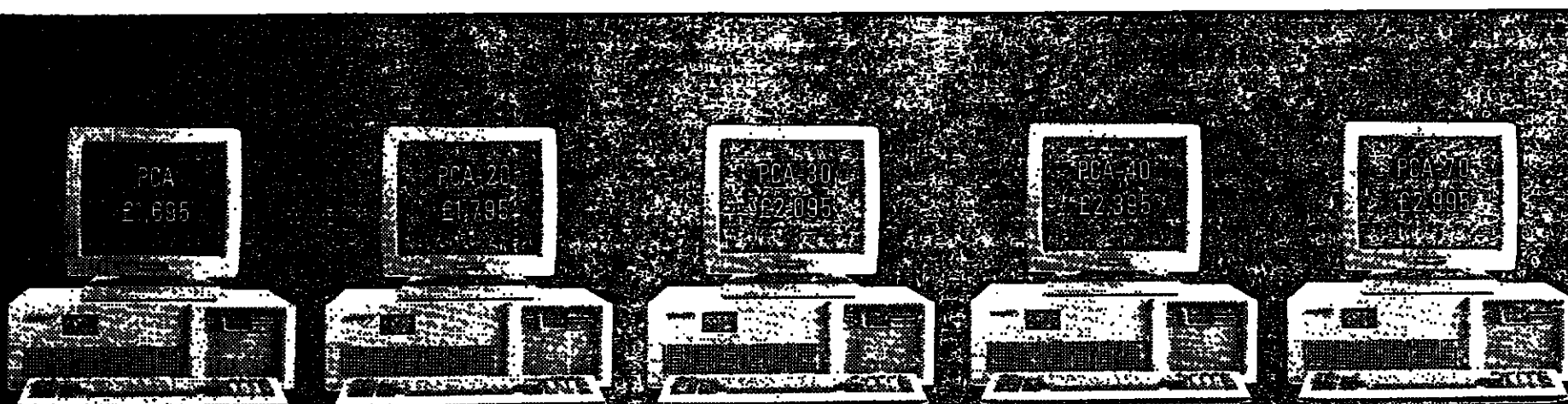
Starved of resources

1986 were 11 per cent at executive officer level, 9 per cent at higher executive officer grading and 6 per cent among senior executive officers.

An association official commented: "Our analysis is that the Government has starved the Civil Service of resources in computing. There has been no forward planning nor on-going training to speak of. We are against people coming in from the private sector above the executive officer positions," she said.

According to the association, there is a view that the Civil Service could get people from the private sector if pay were higher in the first place. However, then such people would not need to be recruited, if there was higher pay, as civil servants would not be leaving in the first place.

Referring to the Government's use of consultants, an association official said that it had never been opposed to consultants but provided they are for specific projects and within certain guidelines.



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US plunges into defence tools

By David Sanger

More than 30 years ago, after struggling through pioneering computer projects, the US government gave up trying to build the world's fastest computers by itself. The expense and the technological hurdles convinced it that private industry was better equipped to define the state of the art.

Now, frustrated by the reluctance of major computer-makers to plunge into a new, risky computer technology, the US Defense Department and the nation's intelligence agencies are spending tens of millions of dollars in a renewed, largely secret, effort to build their own machines.

In a sprawling unmarked building just outside Washington, the National Security Agency has assembled 40 of the nation's leading computer engineers at its new Supercomputing Research Center and hopes to recruit 60 more.

Their task is to satiate the NSA's constant appetite for faster computers, the critical tools for everything from

Experts question the government's expertise

making and breaking intelligence codes to finding subtle changes in military sites photographed by spy satellites.

Ultimately, the centre expects to build prototypes of highly specialized machines, a breed of supercomputers called parallel processors. Most experts believe these will eventually be able to outpace — by multiples of 10 or 100 — the fastest supercomputers now available.

Whether that direct action is wise, however, is already a subject of considerable debate within the industry. Executives of several leading manufacturers privately ques-

tion whether even the US government has enough expertise to enter the tremendously expensive and complex world of supercomputer design.

For their part, government officials suggest that the nation's computer industry has grown too averse to risks to try to achieve the great gains in computing speed that the nation's defence requires. Major manufacturers have favored smaller improvements that protect their investments in current technology.

It is too early to assess whether the NSA's do-it-yourself strategy will yield any fruit. But already there are reports that the research center is having some trouble attracting all the scientific expertise it needs.

The computer entrepreneurs are reluctant to forgo the potential fortunes they might reap by starting their own companies. And many academics are wary of joining any project even partly enveloped in secrecy because the right to publish their research findings freely is important to them.

Today, the NSA still typically takes delivery of the first production models of the latest, fastest machines produced by Cray Research, Control Data and IBM.

No one expects that practice to stop. But the NSA's move to develop its own computer is seen by many people as a public acknowledgement of a long-developing schism between the agency and the industry that supplies it.

The source of that schism is primarily the changing economics of the computer business. When the intelligence agencies and national laboratories were virtually the only customers for supercomputers, they enjoyed tremendous influence over the pace of innovation.

Now, however, the market has broadened to encompass oil companies and car manu-

facturers, aeroplane designers and weather agencies. While they, too, are interested in greater speed, they also want to make sure that new machines are not so revolutionary that they require millions of dollars in new software.

Parallel processing as a way to increase computing speed constitutes a radical departure from traditional approaches. Most supercomputers perform calculations chiefly by brute force, running them through a single, very fast processor.

Parallel processing machines divide a problem into hundreds or thousands of pieces and assign each piece to a single processor — usually a microprocessor similar to those used in personal computers.

Such computers are still in their infancy because they pose many unsolved design and programming challenges. Some early models have proven enormously fast at solving problems in fluid dynamics, such as tracking the flow of air over an aircraft

NSA is 'pumping' \$20 million in supercomputers

wing, and pattern recognition, such as picking out camouflaged tanks in a leafy forest.

At other tasks, however, parallel processors are far slower. Often a parallel machine must be specifically designed, or "hard wired", to perform a single task at optimal speeds.

For that reason, major computer makers have treated it coolly. The NSA is rumored to be pumping more than \$20 million a year into its supercomputer research center — far more than the budgets of most of the 80 start-up companies working in the parallel-processing field.



Helping hand: Can Apple provide a successful alternative to IBM dominance?

Apple bites its rivals

MICROS

By Geoff Wheelwright

Apple Computer is fighting back as it continues attempts to offer a credible alternative to the dominance of the IBM standard for personal computers. Last week it announced a range of new software and hardware that should go some way to answering the challenge posed by the new IBM PS/2 series.

The most important of these is Multifinder — which gives the Macintosh a new operating system that makes it easier for the machines to handle more than one task at a time. Known as multitasking, the new system hopes to rival Microsoft's multi-tasking OS/2, due for release next year on many of the new IBM PCs and AT compatibles.

While Apple was already offering a limited version of this function on its existing Switcher software, Multifinder will allow users to run up to 30 programs at once — providing they have enough computer memory and storage to do so — instead of the current limit of four.

Using the right extras, it also provides users with the ability to swap between IBM/AT applications and Macintosh applications.

The almost universal use of

the IBM standard in personal computers means Apple is at pains to stress that using incompatible hardware doesn't signify that customers have to be shut out of the IBM PC world.

Apple also announced three further machines to make it easier for the company's products to mix into the PC world. The first is an "interface card" which allows the Macintosh II systems to be connected to existing Ethernet computer networks. This should allow Macintosh users greater flex-

New software package to convert files

ibility in operating networks outside the AppleTalk network and reduce the perception of IBM's monopoly in this area.

There is also a product for Macintosh users to exchange information directly with IBM PCs that share with it an Apple central storage unit — or file server.

In terms of getting IBM-compatible PCs and Macintoshes to work together, this development could be the most crucial of all. The main theme of speeches over the past year by John Sculley, the Apple chairman, has been the need for such "connectivity",

as the jargon would have it, with computer systems from other manufacturers.

In a similar vein there is a new software package to convert files produced on IBM compatible PCs into documents that can be used on the Macintosh. As an indication of just how keen Apple is that this product should be widely accepted it is to start giving it away with the Macintosh.

Apple has now gone some way to addressing the complaint that the Macintosh was much more difficult than IBM-compatible PCs to program and customize. It has produced Hypercard — described as a "personal toolkit".

Developed under a team led by Bill Atkinson, who developed the company's famous MacPaint software, Hypercard is designed to let Macintosh users add features such as graphics, video images, music, voice and animation to the way they work. It should also allow them to develop various files so that they can be recovered faster.

EVENTS
IBM System User Show, September 1-2, London, Olympia, (01-466 2222).
Computer World Show, September 22-23, Olympia, London (01-466 1851).
DEC User Show, October 6-7, Serpentine, London.
Compu-Graphics 87, October 13-15, Wembley Conference Centre, London, (01-868 4486).

A new service for student placings

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ This is the time of year when universities, polytechnics and clearing systems find their switchboards jammed with calls from students who did not achieve the required exam grades to take up their conditional college places and are trying to find suitable alternatives.

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From tomorrow a selection of college places listed on the system will appear in *The Times*.

Lagging behind

■ Too few European workers possess the skills to cope with computers, paperless offices and other aspects of new technology transforming the world of work, says a report from the International Labour Organization (ILO). This, it argues, is because European education remains largely anchored in yesterday's world, divorced from present industrial needs and lags behind the United States and Japan.

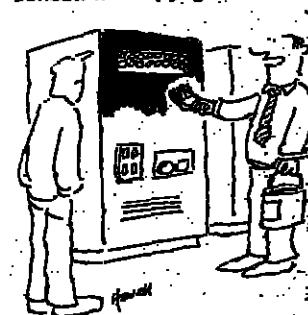
The reports adds that if Europe wants to take up the overseas challenge it must overhaul education and training to teach the abilities to design, manage and operate new technologies. In Britain, a study found that one in every five firms felt threatened because of lack of trained employees.

Pirates chipped

■ Hong Kong's copyright laws are to be amended by November to help curb

computer chip piracy. The senior Crown counsel, Ross Dalgleish, said the amendments would stipulate that computer programs are literary works. Under the amendments, the making and trading of copied chips could be a civil and criminal offence. The amendments will end a two-year legal loophole — after the first court case arose in July 1985 — which has triggered legal arguments over whether computer programs enjoy copyright protection.

Citing similar cases in Australia, Mr Dalgleish said one argument equated a computer program to a cooking recipe and that a program therefore did not constitute a copyright offence.



"The new management has promised to get rid of dead wood, so I'm stalling it as long as I can."

PS/2 guide

■ The first of what will no doubt be a torrent of books on IBM's new micros has just been published. *IBM Personal System 2 — A Business Perspective* runs through the different models available and such areas as software and use in networks. Despite being written by Jim Hoskins, one of the engineers on the development team for the new machines, the fact that the new operating system for PS/2 will not be available until next year means it is glossed over in a few pages. Published by John Wiley & Sons, the book costs £15.95.

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For many normally healthy people the first contact made with a hospital may be in the radiography department - either after an accident or for a routine X-ray.

For others, already diagnosed as suffering from an illness requiring treatment by radiation, visits become a regular part of their lives. Many, even those who do not show it, are at best intrigued and at worst alarmed by the bevy of sophisticated equipment and the very word radiation. The radiographer, a highly-trained medical professional, must reassure them.

A radiographer thus has to be a special person - at the same time, caring, able to cope with a demanding training and capable of using very technical (and expensive) equipment.

Radiographers these days specialize in either diagnostic or therapeutic work, diagnostic radiographers outnumbering therapeutic by 10 to one.

Diagnostic radiographers work with a radiologist, a doctor specializing in radiography. They produce images of bones and soft tissue by a variety of methods. X-ray is one, but modern

A radiographer is much more than a technician; he or she must employ a reassuring couch-side manner, writes

Beryl Dixon

In theory, students need not decide between the two branches until after the Part-I exams, common to both diagnostic and therapeutic work, held after the first 18 months of training. In practice, schools expect students to specialize from the beginning, one reason being that schools are allocated a number of training places for each specialization, another that many schools begin to teach some of the Part 2 subjects at the beginning of the course.

Therefore, though it might be possible to change direction during training, it is not always easy. I wondered how prospective students can be certain that they have made the right choice, but apparently they usually do.

Schools expect applicants to have spent some time in a radiography department - at Southampton arrangements can be made at any time after the age of 16. Students observe and talk to both therapeutic and diagnostic staff and generally leave having made the decision.

Quite often students make their choice according to the type and level of patient contact they want. Miss Alsop said: "Some don't like radiotherapy, but others find it very positive. After all, it is a life-saving procedure - a radical treatment, but without it patients could die. Even if a life can't be saved, we can improve its quality."

Therapeutic radiographers see their patients over a period, getting to know them and establishing a relationship. Patients attend by appointment, often travelling long distances, because radiotherapy units, expensive to equip, are not attached to every hospital. Staff, therefore, know who they will be treating



In the X-ray unit at Princess Christian's Hospital, Windsor

every day. Though the actual treatment may take only minutes, much longer is spent positioning the patient correctly, during which time confidence can be built up and worries aired.

It is at this point that radiographers are particularly vulnerable to the question, "What is wrong with me?" - difficult if they do not know exactly what the patient has been told.

Diagnostic radiographers normally like the variety in their departments and the chance to meet many different people. In a working day they could be dealing with cases which take five minutes, assisting the radiologist in a complex procedure over several hours, doing ultra-sound scans at ante-natal clinics, or visiting wards to X-ray patients who cannot be moved.

Roger Smith, deputy principal at Southampton, said: "They are at the sharp end, with only minutes to form a relationship."

What makes a good radiographer? First, the right qualifications. Some schools insist on O-level physics. Others accept the maths alternative. At Southampton they take the line that subject choices made at 14 should not be

Prospects within the profession are good

held against applicants, and offer remedial physics if necessary. Then, schools are looking for that combination of academic and caring personality.

Roger Smith said: "We don't want them so academic that they can't help someone being sick." They must be meticulous, he added. "David Bailey takes roll after roll of film, but when you are irradiating people you must get it right first time."

But, he said, integrity, too, is important. "When mistakes do occur, you must never conceal them."

They must also be physically fit and mentally stable. Miss Alsop: "They carry heavy equipment, and have to face the fact that patients do die."

In fact, by 21, radiographers have acquired the skills of communication, teamwork and maturity that commerce and industry so often lament the lack of in recent graduates. They should have no difficulty in finding alternative employment if they want. Few do.

Some do leave because of the salary - often men becoming medical sales representatives. But most stay.

Prospects within the profession are good. There is a shortage of both diagnostic and therapeutic radiographers in this country. There is the chance to become senior or ultimately superintendent radiographer (after gaining a higher diploma) or to move into teaching. Some work in private practice, and the British diploma is recognized worldwide.

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Chiltern District Council

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WOLVERHAMPTON
TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTASSISTANT CIVIL ENGINEER
(MAIN DRAINAGE)

Salary scale 6/PO (a) £9,966-£13,506

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A casual user's car allowance is attached to this post. Application forms and further particulars from Director of Technical Services, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RW. Telephone: 0902 424444. Closing date: 24th August 1987.

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Please contact Mrs Anita Simmonds for an application form and details on 01-262 5425 ext 223 or RCOG, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG.

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The Country Landowners' Association
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The CLA is a well-established organisation which represents the owners of rural land in England and Wales. It has 80 staff based in its London HQ and in the regions, serving some 43,500 members.

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Post A238

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Closing Date: 4
September 1987.



Assistant Solicitor

£13,152-£16,773

(SINGLE APPOINTMENT OR JOB SHARE)

Articled Clerk

£7,800

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For informal discussion on the post telephone Ian Robertson (0734) 875444 ext. 3121.

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£14,301-£15,567

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[Judgment July 28]

In considering whether a car was of merchantable quality it was necessary to look not only at the mechanical and other condition of the car, but to stand back and ask what the purchaser was entitled to think he was buying.

It was not sufficient that the car ran without major problems and that dealers were able to sell it to a member of the public who would not have bought it at that price but for the fact he was ignorant of its history.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Barry Shine, from a decision of Judge Wilson sitting at Northampton County Court on August 12, 1986 when he gave judgment for the defendant finance company, General Guarantee Corporation Ltd, and dismissed the defendant's claim against the third party, Reeds Motor Co.

Mr Benedict Sefti for the plaintiff, Mr James Corbett for the defendant, Mr Stephen Archer for the third party.

MR JUSTICE BUSH said that the action concerned a Fiat X19 motor car purchased by the defendant from the third party and hired to the plaintiff under a hire purchase agreement dated September 18, 1982.

The vehicle was first reg-

istered in January 1981. In January 1982, having done 18,000 miles and having been returned to the garage for service, the car was submerged in water for 24 to 48 hours. It was subsequently treated and an insurance company write-off on the basis that the expense of properly repairing it was too great.

No repairs seemed to have been carried out and the car was disposed of for salvage. Its history was unknown from then until it was purchased by the third party for £3,800. The third party did not know the history of the car or of the flooding.

It was offered for sale at £4,598 in August 1982 and the first newspaper advertisement described it as a "superb Bortoni-bodied sports...". The third party's evidence, which the judge accepted was that "superb" related to the type of body and not the condition of the car.

The second advertisement left out the word "superb". On September 15, 1982 the car was sold to the defendant and hired by the plaintiff, the third party having orally described it as a "nice car, good runner, no problems". The plaintiff ran the car and in fact had only minor problems.

In October 1982 the plaintiff in making inquiries about a manufacturer's rust warranty discovered that the car had been submerged in water and that although a rust warranty at that time would have been given

normal, one was not available because of the car's history.

The plaintiff sought rescission of the contract, recovery of the sums paid and alternatively, damages. The defendant counterclaimed for arrears of hire-purchase instalments and damages for breach of the agreement.

It was plain that there was an implied condition in the contract that the goods were of merchantable quality, see section 14 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.

The judge having heard the evidence concluded that when the car was hire-purchased it was as fit for the purpose for which that type of car was commonly bought as was reasonable to expect, having regard to its description, price and all other relevant circumstances.

The Court of Appeal could not interfere with the judge's finding of fact unless the judge had misdirected himself or was wholly wrong. The judge had misdirected himself in directing his mind solely to the issue of the mechanical and other condition of the car without standing back and asking the fundamental question in the case: "What was the plaintiff entitled to think he was buying?"

He thought he was buying an enthusiast's car of the mileage shown and at the sort of price cars of that age and condition could be expected to fetch.

Further he would expect there to be a manufacturer's rust warranty.

What he in fact was buying for the same price was an insurance company write-off to which the manufacturer's rust warranty would not apply. Irrespective of its condition, it was a car which no member of the public knowing the facts would touch with a barge-pole unless they could get it at a substantially reduced price to reflect the risk they were taking.

It was not sufficient that car dealers could move it about among themselves and find a member of the public ignorant of its history to buy it. A car was not just a means of transport; it was also a form of investment, although a deteriorating one, and every purchaser must have an idea of its eventual saleability as well, and in the plaintiff's case, his pride in it as a specialist car for the enthusiast.

On the counterclaim the only sum recoverable was £177 representing two months arrears of instalment. The case was remitted to the county court for assessment of damages and the defendant was entitled to be indemnified by the third party for such damages as they had to bear.

Lord Justice Fox agreed.

Solicitors: Frank Jones & Harley, Northampton; Woollicrofts, Stoke on Trent; Smeath Mann & Co, Northampton.

Company seeking share ownership

In re Geers Gross plc
Before Lord Justice Nourse,
Lord Justice Gidwell and Mr Justice Michael Davies

[Judgment July 24]

Where a company, on being refused information about the beneficial ownership of its shares, applied for and obtained an order under section 216 of the Companies Act 1985 imposing the restrictions on share transfer in Part XV of that Act, the restrictions could not be lifted under section 456(3) of the Act merely on an undertaking by the party concerned to sell the shares in the open market. The party concerned must either disclose the relevant information about the shares or obtain the court's approval of the fact of sale.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the applicants, SNM Nominees Ltd and Guyver Bank AG, from a decision of Mr Justice Vinelott, (The Times February 13, 1987).

Section 456 of the 1985 Act provides: "(3) ... an order of the court ... directing that shares shall cease to be subject to the restrictions may be made only if (a) the court ... is satisfied that the relevant facts about the shares have been disclosed to the company and no unfair advantage has accrued to any person as a result of the earlier failure to make that disclosure, or (b) the shares are to be sold and the court ... approves the sale."

Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Mark Haggard for the applicants, Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Miss Catherine Newman for the company.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the appeal from the judge was on an interlocutory application under section 456 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order that 450,000 ordinary shares of 10p each in Geers Gross plc be no longer subject to restrictions under Part XV of the 1985 Act.

The applicants, SNM Nominees Ltd, a subsidiary of Samuel Montagu Ltd, were the registered holders of the shares, and a Swiss bank called Guyver Bank AG, for whom SNM held the shares as nominees. The bank purchased 50,000 shares were purchased in June 1985 and the remaining 400,000 in September of the same year.

It was said on behalf of the bank that they were purchased in the ordinary course of the business of portfolio management under the instructions of certain of the bank's individual clients. The bank refused to disclose the names of its clients because Swiss law did not allow it.

It was clear that the relevant facts had not been disclosed to the company and that paragraph (a) of section 456(3) had not been satisfied. Everything depended on whether paragraph (b) was satisfied.

Mr Potts submitted that paragraph (b) should be treated as an

independent ground of relief and that there was jurisdiction to lift restrictions even though paragraph (a) remained unsatisfied. He then submitted that a demonstration that shares were to be sold was *per se* a sufficient reason for lifting restrictions, there being no other requirements in the subsection.

He submitted that the reference to the court approving the sale meant only the court's approval of the terms of sale and not the approval of the fact of sale and relied on the language of section 456(4).

His Lordship, like Mr Justice Vinelott, entirely rejected that submission both as a matter of language and as a matter of common sense. The language spoke for itself. A requirement seeking approval of sale meant that the sale itself must be approved. Moreover, it did not seem to his Lordship that the language of paragraph (b) could be affected by section 456(4).

As for common sense it seemed to his Lordship that Mr Potts's construction would deprive paragraph (b) of any real effect. Mr Potts submitted that the terms of sale would include the identity of the purchaser so that the court could ensure that the sale was not a collusive one, that is, that it was a sale at arm's length.

He maintained that all that paragraph (b) required or was directed at was that the shares should be returned to ordinary commerce and that once the person applying for disclosure of

the relevant information had divested himself of the shares there was no need for further restrictions.

That seemed to his Lordship to run contrary to the intent of section 456 and to section 212 of the Act which allowed the company to serve notice on any person whom the company knew or had reasonable cause to believe to be interested in shares comprised in the company's share capital.

It was quite clear that in deciding whether to approve the fact of sale the court could take into account the failure to disclose relevant facts about the shares. In some cases that might not prove to be an objection to the lifting of restrictions, in others it might. The question was one of the court's discretion on the particular facts of each case.

Was the failure to disclose relevant facts about the shares on the facts of the present case a sufficient objection to the lifting of restrictions? In order to succeed Mr Potts had to satisfy the court that the judge erred in principle or exercised his discretion in a way which was plainly wrong. His Lordship could see no reason for interfering with the judge's exercise of discretion.

Lord Justice Gidwell and Mr Justice Michael Davies agreed.

Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Franks Charnley & Co.

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By Michael Coleman

If it had been grand prix athletics, or any other sports event for which journalistic accreditation can be hard to acquire, the bronze medal won by the British team at the world championships in Montreal, France, on Sunday might have been regarded as rather small beer. But for modern pentathlon, which, despite its Olympic pedigree, suffers from continuing media deprivation, it was a time for a champagne celebration.

For Dominic Mahony, Richard Phelps and Graham Brookhouse, the corks popped on Sunday night and there could not have been a happier man than Ron Bright, the team manager. It had been 11 years since Britain won the Olympic team gold in Montreal with Jim Fox, Adrian Parker and Danny Nieldingle, and both his dour marketing of the sport to the media and the credentials on the association's stationery were beginning to wear thin.

True, this was not a gold, but his team had at last turned the corner and established its own identity. A world medal-winning squad can be sold to sponsors, which the sport has not got, and finds sympathy in editorial offices, too.

Sixth individual place for Mahony and seventh for Phelps, while not exactly the dizzy heights, had at last convinced the British competitors that the East Europeans and the rest were within reach. Indeed, had Brookhouse shot 1,000 points on the pistol range — as he did last month when winning the national title — Mahony's concentration and nerves that short spell in the fencing, then the extra points had made it gold. The pre-Soviet Olympics publicity will at last have evidence.

It had been a top field at Montreal, too, with only Anatoliy Starostin — banned for drug-taking — and Daniele Massala, of Italy, the reigning Olympic champion, absent. There was also a strong feeling that the competition was fairer, with less chance of the crackshots having earned their points through taking drugs. After all, Starostin and 13 other offenders were serving their sentences for last year's misbehaviour, so that the reason that Igor Stivars, the Soviet Union's favourite, could muster a paltry 600 points on the range this time? The Poles shot badly also, with their top three men being absent for 30 months along with Starostin.

The drugs crack-down seemed to be working, but how did it come about that the evidence and papers against one of the United States' offenders at last year's world championships in Italy, Bob Stull, had been mislaid by officials of UIPMB, the governing congress? Without such evidence, no sanctions could be imposed. Then, Henning, its secretary general, lamely explained when pressed by a British official. "We don't have any proof and as long as we've no proof we can't accuse him," Henning said.

Elvind-Bø Sørensen, the president of the Danish association, angrily retorted: "How dare you treat us like this? We can no longer have confidence in you if you give us no information." To the UIPMB's credit, however, the 30-month ban imposed on the 14 competitors (Bar Stull) named and accused last year is to remain in force, and it seems that none will be able to take part in the Olympics. The congress decided not to reduce the ban to 18 months.

HOCKEY

Britain in
line for
Seoul spot

By Sydney Friskin

The 12 teams selected for the 1988 Olympic Games will be announced in Brussels by the International Hockey Federation (FIH), which begins a three-day meeting there on October 15. Seven of the teams on Seoul will be chosen on the basis of their records and the consensus is that Britain have done enough to justify their place in the Games.

Within four months of winning the bronze medal at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Britain won the bronze medal at the Champions Trophy in Perth, Australia, and the gold medal in a four-nations tournament in January 1986 in Kuwait.

The ninth Champions Trophy tournament, in Amsterdam last June, ended in triumph for West Germany. Britain lost the bronze medal to Australia on goal difference but on the way they achieved a 1-1 draw with Australia, the world champions, a 1-0 win over The Netherlands, the European champions, and a 5-3 victory over Pakistan, the Olympic champions.

So far, the automatic qualifiers for the games are South Korea, the host country, Pakistan, the 1984 winners, Korea, the Africa Games winners, and whoever wins the Pan American Games tournament at Indianapolis. Australia will probably be invited as world champions, which means that five vacancies have been filled.

The last of the qualifying tournaments for Seoul is the European championship, which starts in Moscow on Thursday, with West Germany the favourites. They could have wanted no better run-in than to defeat England 4-1 and 3-0 at Stuttgart.

Michael Seely looks at the front-runners as the battle for the jockeys' championship gathers pace

Prince charmings in the sport of Kings

As York's important Ebor meeting gets under way, the adrenalin is already flowing fast for Steve Cautheon and Pat Eddery as both jockeys continue their battle for this season's championship.

Cautheon's mounts include Bluebook and Reprimand in the Lowther and Gimcrack Stakes while Reference Point has his preparatory race for the St Leger in the Great Voltigeur Stakes. Bluebook is already favourite for next spring's 1,000 Guineas after her impressive victories at Newmarket and Ascot. And Reprimand is reported to be working better than his stable companion, the July Stakes winner, Sanquarico on the Heath.

"It's very exciting and I'm looking forward to it. There is nothing like the thrill of the big meetings," says the 27-year-old Kentucky-born rider, who kicked home seven winners at Royal Ascot.

Eddery's 35-year-old tones also took on an urgent note when discussing today's Matchmaker International. "Most welcome is absolutely flying. He's working like a really good horse and I wouldn't have been too worried even if Mito had been running."

Both men are masters of their craft and this is often translated into magic and moving moments. Cautheon's judgement of pace and use of forcing tactics on Reference Point at Epsom and Ascot was every bit as dramatic as the audacity and flair displayed by Eddery when bringing Dancing Brave on the scene so late to capture last October's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Geoff Lewis, formerly a leading jockey and now a trainer at Epsom, is a fan of both riders. "I've seen five greats in my time. First there were Gordon (Richards), Scobie (Brennan), and Lester (Piggott). Now there's Steve and Pat. The narrowest dividing line in life is that separating the champions and the very good. They have both crossed it. They're each equally as good, the one riding from the front and the other from behind."

Predictably, both jockeys dislike being labelled as specialists. "A world class jockey can ride any horse the way he needs to be ridden," Cautheon said. "You have to take races and horses as you find them."

Eddery was similarly jealous of his reputation. "I rode Reference Point in the Futurity and I was told to make all the running. That's his style. He just keeps going and gallops them into the ground. Dancing Brave was totally different. He was a typical American-bred horse, who had to be held up to get the trip."

Rationalization, however, has always been a device for concealing the truth. And whatever Cautheon may say to the contrary, he is never happier than when bowling along in the lead or when lying as close to the pace as possible.

The famous invisible clock in his transatlantic-trained head gives the jockey an in-built advantage over his European rivals in this respect. "In the States, day in, day out, we did nothing else. If you were two fifths of a second out over five furlongs, you got a rollicking."

Eddery, though as versatile as his rival, is a poker player by nature and instinctively likes to produce his aces later in the game.

Cautheon showed his equal mastery of waiting tactics in his first classic victory in Britain on Tap On Wood in the 2,000



Riding high: Pat Eddery (left) and Steve Cautheon locked in a friendly duel for championship honours (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Guineas and on Cormorant Wood in the Champion Stakes. But his favourite hare and hounds technique has never been more graphically illustrated than when catching his fellow jockeys napping in the 1985 Derby on Slip Anchor.

Likewise, Eddery's marvellous timing served him well in consecutive Eclipse Stakes on Solford and Sadlers Wells. But just as on Dancing Brave in the Arc, his finely-judged challenges on Pebbles in the Champion Stakes and in the Breeders Cup and on Golden Fleece in the Derby remain as sharply-etched cameos in the memory. "On jockeys are like fine wine and that they improve with age and the vintage years only come in maturity. Cautheon acknowledges this: 'I saw a video of Pat winning the 1975 Derby on Grundy the other day. It was the year of his second championship, but he wasn't half as polished then as he is now.'"

The seasoning and indoctrination of the young Cautheon started in the heat of Kentucky. "When I was six, I was knocking the flies off horses for my dad as he shod them. I was riding work at 12. That was against the law, but luckily the authorities turned a blind eye."

The soft light of Ireland, on the other hand, blessed Eddery's equally horse-dominated childhood. He was one of 12 children born to Jimmy and Josephine. His father was a champion jockey. They lived at Blackrock on the outskirts of Dublin. "I had my first pony when I was four. By the time I was nine I was cycling for three miles

to the McGraths to ride exercise. I never wanted to do anything else."

Cautheon's meteoric early career has already been well documented. When only 17 in 1977, he was labelled "the six million dollar kid" when becoming the first jockey to earn that amount in prize money.

He was voted Sportsman of the Year in front of Muhammad Ali, a signal honour in a country in which racing is only a minority sport. In 1978, the year before he moved to Britain, he won the American Triple Crown on Affirmed.

Eddery's rise to stardom followed a more conventional route. The apprenticeship with Frenchie Nicholson was followed by his time with Peter Walwyn, which saw his first jockeys' championship and also his first Derby on Grundy. Then came the period with Vincent O'Brien, the era of such good horses as Golden Fleece, Caerleon, Sadlers Wells and El Gran Senor. And now his new retainer for Khaled Abdullah is starting to reap a rich harvest.

Cautheon's instructive and successful period with Barry Hills led to his present triumphant time with Henry Cecil. "I was nearly a complete jockey at 18, but the small gap between what I was then and what I am today took years to fill."

The transition from the flat left-handed dirt tracks in the United States to the bewildering variety of courses in Europe was not an easy one. "Striving to improve all the time is the only way to produce results. And it's the little things that refine your talents — tiny tactical things that can make the difference of a short head. People

who don't know the trade well would never notice them."

Eddery makes the same point. "Every little detail needs analysing and correcting. You're always learning. Mind you, I think I was riding as well four or five years ago as I am now. Even when I was in the shadow of Lester, I thought I was riding pretty well."

Both men accept the inevitability of publicity and the attention of the media. All sports need their cult figures and jockeys are the natural centre of attraction in racing. "It's been Steve and I battling it out together for the past two seasons. But we mustn't kid ourselves. It could easily have been Willie Carson. He's a great jockey who is always in there fighting and punching. But his stable just hasn't been firing."

The pressures of a jockey's life are unremitting. Particularly during the evening racing period. Cautheon is usually driven by John Noughton, his business manager and friend, and Eddery by Terry Ellis, his brother-in-law and arranger of rides. John Hammer, of the BBC and Raceform, books Cautheon's mounts.

With the chaotic state of the roads in the summer, the strain on the system is severe. "Of course it's tiring," says Eddery. "When you are going all the time, you get used to it. But it's when the season starts to wind down that it gets to you."

In the autumn of 1985 Cautheon hit the national headlines after exaggerated stories of alcoholism and bulimia, a disease involving over-eating and vomiting. Halfway through his personal record-breaking season, the jockey realized he was overdo-

HOW THEY COMPARE

EDDERY

DATE OF BIRTH: March 18, 1952.
FIRST WINNER: Alvara at Epsom, 1969.
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Champion apprentice 1971. Champion jockey 1974-77 and 1986. Irish champion 1982.
MOST WINNERS IN SEASON: 176 in 1977 and 1986.

BIG RACE WINS: Britain: 2,000 Guineas: Lomond (1955), El Gran Senor (1984), Derby: Grundy (1975), Golden Fleece (1982), Oaks: Polygram (1974), Scimitar (1979), St Leger: Moon Madness (1986), King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes: Grundy (1975), Dancing Brave (1985), France: 1,000 Guineas: Arlette Giff (1981), Derby: 1983 Caerleon, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe: Derot (1980), Rainbow Quest (1985), Dancing Brave (1986), Ireland: 2,000 Guineas: Lomond (1955), King's Lake (1981), Derby: Grundy (1975), El Gran Senor (1984), Law Society (1985), Oaks: Coleridge (1980), St Leger: Leading Counsel (1985), United States: Breeders' Cup Turf: Slew o' Gold (1985), Arlington Million Stakes: Tokoro (1983).

CAUTHEON

DATE OF BIRTH: May 1, 1960.
FIRST WINNER: United States: Red Pipe at River Downs, 1978. Britain: Marquee Universal at Salisbury, 1979.
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: American champion jockey 1977. US Sportsman of the Year 1977. Champion jockey 1984-85.
MOST WINNERS IN A SEASON: United States: 487 in 1977. Britain: 195 in 1985.

BIG RACE WINS: Britain: 1,000 Guineas: Oh So Sharp (1985), 2,000 Guineas: Tap On Wood (1979), Derby: Slip Anchor (1985), Reference Point (1987), Oaks: Oh So Sharp (1985), St Leger: Oh So Sharp (1985), King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes: Reference Point (1987), France: Oaks: Indian Stormer (1987), United States: Kentucky Derby: Affirmed (1976), Preakness: Affirmed (1976), Belmont Stakes: Affirmed (1976), Washington International Turf Classic: Johnny D (1977).

(Statistics compiled by Paul Wheeler)

ing the celebrating. That winter he entered a clinic in the States for a rest.

"I just had to sort myself out," he said. "I got things totally out of balance. Nowadays I see I get plenty of sleep and rest. If you get over-tired, you can't concentrate. It happened before in the States. I was riding over 2,000 winners in a year and was only driven by ambition. I was on a treadmill and got burnt out. It was my own fault."

Eddery is a more phlegmatic character. "You get used to the life. As long as I'm feeling good and can continue at the top, I'll keep going. But when the day comes that I don't feel super, that's the time I'll pack it up. However, I'm only 35 and should have a few good years left in me."

Cautheon is naturally eager to wrest the championship back from his rival. "I want to be top dog. The whole thing is a lot of fun. We spur each other on and enjoy it." The realistic Eddery counters: "I must be in with a chance as I'm only three behind. It's not going to be easy, though. Cecil has already had 123 winners with more to come. But my stables are starting to hit form as well."

So there you have them. Steve Cautheon and Pat Eddery, who together with Willie Carson have been dominating the jockeys' championship since the retirement of Lester Piggott.

Both athletes are driven by the compulsive demons of success that haunts all top men. And long may they continue to hold us entranced with their matchless skills as they jointly strive for that elusive and never-to-be-attained quality, perfection.

TENNIS

Graf takes over at the top

Manhattan Beach, California (AP) — Steffi Graf has officially reached the top of the women's rankings a little earlier than she expected. "I knew I had the ability, but not this soon," the West German player, aged 18, said after defeating Chris Evert 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the \$250,000 (\$159,000) Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament.

Miss Evert, on the other hand, thought Graf's promotion to the head of the computer rankings was a little overdue. "She's had the best year of anyone," Miss Evert said. "She has won eight tournaments. I'm surprised the computer took this long to recognize that. She'll stay No. 1 as long as she wants to. She

works hard. She's the best of all the newcomers."

The only match Graf has lost this year was the Wimbledon final to Martina Navratilova. Nevertheless, her promotion took her by surprise. "It feels great," Miss Graf said. "My father said it was impossible. I had no idea and I was very surprised. But being No. 1 means everything. I've had a good year and it is important to get to be No. 1 before the US Open. Now I can really relax."

Miss Navratilova, who teamed with Pam Shriver to win the tournament's doubles title, declined to comment when asked about dropping to second place in the rankings.

In Sunday's final, Miss Graf

and Miss Evert traded service breaks in four straight games, beginning in the second game of the first set. After Miss Evert had held service to pull even at 3-3, Miss Graf won the next three games. In the ninth, Miss Evert hit a service return into the net at deuce and then Graf took the game and the set with a forehand volley.

The first two games in the second set went against service, as did the seventh and eighth, leaving the score at 4-4. Miss Graf then broke Miss Evert's serve and then held to love to take the match and the title. "I'm playing better now than when I was No. 1. The standards just keep going up and up."



Victory salute: Steffi Graf enjoys the winning point that put her top of the rankings

CRICKET LEAGUE RESULTS

NORTHUMBRIA COUNTY LEAGUE: Newcastle 138 for 8, Barmston 154 for 7. Tyneside 207 for 4, Alnwick 208 for 8. Blyth 128 for 9, Berwick 101 for 1. Northumberland 183 for 8, Ashington 149 for 9. County Club 194 for 6, Morpeth 125 for 4.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: South Shields 66 for 9, Pilsborough 15 for 1. Wharfedale 203 for 3, Seaham Harbour (abn): Eppleton 205 for 7. S. Shields 175 for 6, Barmston 107 for 6. Gateshead Fell 187 for 2, Sunderland 190 for 8. Horden 190 for 8 (bed), Chester-le-Street 175 for 6, Barmston 107 for 6. Durham City 183 for 3, Wearmouth 73.

GROSVENOR NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Norton 69, Barmston 73 for 6, Stockton 178 for 7. S. Shields 175 for 6, Barmston 107 for 6. Darlington 154 for 9, Redcar 147 for 9. Gillingham 148 for 2, Salford 180 for 3. Middleton 117, Mawby 175 for 3. Northumbria Hall 178 for 2, Symthons 163. Darlington RA 113 for 8, Northumbria 144, Thornaby 101 for 4, Sandringham 136 for 9, Symthons 135.

RYDALE AND PARTNERS EAST OF SCOTLAND LEAGUE: Grange 211 for 6, Collieston 150, Edinburgh Academicals 137 for 5. Kilmarnock 64, Stenhousemuir 242 for 3. Royal Warr 100 for 7, Faulstich 125 for 4. Watsonians 173 for 2, Carlton 140 for 2. Heron's (abn).

KNIGHT, FRANK AND RUTLEY SCOT-TISH CUP, SENIORS: Aberdeenshire 125 for 3, Perthshire 125 for 4. Stenhousemuir 145 for 6, Clydevale 140 for 2.

MATTHEW BROWN LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Accrington 147, Colne 34 for 0 (abn), Bolton 233, Burnley 44 for 1. Haslingden 121 for 1, Enfield 120 for 2. Lowerhouse 166 for 9, East Lancashire 53, Nelson 126 for 1, Church 154 (abn) won on over runs. Rotherham 37 for 4 (abn), Todmorden 97 for 4, Rawstall 151 (abn), Salford 132, Nelson 134 for 3, Church 134, Accrington 122, Colne 118. Lowerhouse 84, East Lancashire 96 for 5. Ramsbottom 116, Haslingden 120 for 4, Rawstall 179 for 9, Salford 115.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Bradford 160 for 0, Hyde 34, Middleton 165, Norden 130 for 8, Walsden 135 for 3. Royton 135, Castleton Moor 118, Heywood 145 for 9, Radcliffe 88, Miners' Welfare 145 for 3, Ashton 68, Rochdale 123. Littleborough 186 for 5, Crompton 25, Stockport 136 for 5, Worsley 142 for 1. Heywood 70, Worsley 145 for 3, Royton 167, Rochdale 172, Norden 177 for 5. Crompton 178 for 5, Hyde 135 for 5. Salford 112 for 5, Walsden 142 for 1. Littleborough 144 for 5, Middleton 238 for 4, Ashton 143 for 5, Walsden 100. Radcliffe 101 for 5, Crompton 201 for 6, Oldham 202 for 3.

DM HALL WESTERN UNION: All games rained off.

BRADFORD LEAGUE: Bardon 165 for 9, Lythdale 150, Farsley 112 for 2, East Bekeley 108 for 9, Hanging Heaton 175 for 5. Salford 112 for 5, Walsden 142 for 1. Brighley 130 for 4, Kesteven 131 for 7. Marnham Mills 122 for 4, Yeasdon 218 for 4, Gillingham 112 for 5, Yorkshire Bank 185 for 2, Undercliffe 184 for 5. Sunday: Marnham Mills 122 for 4, Yeasdon 218 for 4, Gillingham 112 for 5, Yorkshire Bank 185 for 2, Undercliffe 184 for 5. Bradford League 136 for 7.

GOLF

A closing
eagle
gives Cook
title

Castle Rock, Colorado (Renter) — John Cook shot a three at the par-five 17th hole yesterday to pick up five points and win the second \$1 million (about \$625,000) international tournament at Castle Pines Golf Club.

Cook claimed the title, his third on the PGA Tour and first since 1963, by beating 17 other players in a unique points-format event that began on Wednesday. 162 players and was reduced to a final 18 players.

Under a modified Stableford points system, birdies and eagles were rewarded and above-par holes were penalized. Players received five points for eagles, two for birdies, zero for par, minus one for one over par and minus three for two or more strokes over par. Scores qualified players for the next round, but were not carried over.

Cook, heading to the 17th hole with seven points, was locked in a battle with the defending champion, Kea Green, who was in the clubhouse with time. Cook's four-run second shot landed 12 feet from the hole and he knocked the putt into the middle of the cup. He was one over for the 18th for his final score of 11.

Greens held the lead over most of the back nine and when he two-putted for birdie on the 17th and went to nine points, it appeared he had defended his title. "Walking up 18, I was thinking about back-to-back," Green said. "But it wasn't to be. He had to make eagle to beat me, and he went out there and did it."

The Americans, Scott Simpson, Ben Crenshaw, Chip Beck and Mike Hulbert, tied for third place. D. A. Weir and Fuzzy Zoeller were next with five each. Tom Watson, who was in the title chase until he dumped his second shot in the big bunker on the 17th, had four points.

WHITE PLAINS: Val Skinner, of the United States, was not pleased about shooting a 75 or about the way she played the round, but she was more than happy that she hung on to win the LPGA MasterCard international in New York (AP reports).

"It wasn't a case of choking. I finally said to myself, 'The tournament is on the line, Val, but forget about winning. It just has to be fun on the back nine.' So I did, but I wasn't happy with a 75 or about the way I played. I was happy to get away with the win after playing so poorly."

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MOTOR RACING

Benetton drivers
show potential

From John Blunsden, Zellweg, Austria.

There was widespread condemnation of the circuit authorities in Austria on Sunday evening after teams began to count the cost of the accidents that caused so many cars to be wrecked and the Grand Prix to be started three times, punctuated by 40-minute delays.

The narrowness of the starting grid, giving drivers insufficient room for manoeuvre in the event of trouble ahead, has been the cause of similar incidents in the past and after warnings, it was expected that the starting apron would have been widened in time for this year's race.

Another contributory cause of at least one of the multi-car collisions was a notorious bump road just beyond the start line, which can easily unsettle a car as it accelerates uphill from the start and which was also expected to have been ironed out by resurfacing.

The deficiencies marred what otherwise had been an excellent effort on the part of the organizers to bring their facilities up to the standard expected for a world championship race. The paddock area has been substantially enlarged, with new buildings and paving, but after Sunday afternoon's episode the much-needed track improvements are certain to be a condition of the Grand Prix returning to the Österreichring next year.

Inevitably overshadowed by Nigel Mansell's timely race victory, after his two disqualifications in Germany and Hungary, one of the best performances of the afternoon came from the Benetton team, whose

Ford-powered cars hit top form on this very fast circuit and might well have improved on their third and fourth positions but for irritating little problems.

When Teo Fabi, who finished third, came in for his routine tyre stop, the pit lane was so crowded that there was a misunderstanding between him and his pit crew, as a result of which he overshoot his pit and had to go round again before stopping to change his tyres. Then, during his stop, the right rear wheel jammed, costing him even more time.

Thierry Boutsen, who was fourth, was even less fortunate. He seemed poised to take the lead from Piquet on the fifteenth lap when his gear linkage came loose and he lost a lap at the pits having it refixed. Later in the race he had a further unscheduled stop when one of the holding straps of the rear underray broke; then he lost turbo-boost when the exhaust on one side of the engine became detached.

For the team to finish so well despite the many problems is indicative of their potential, and Fabi said that his was the most powerful Ford engine he had ever driven in a race. "I am really looking forward to the season's remaining six races," he said. The first of these will be the Italian Grand Prix at Monza, in three weeks' time.

The Ligier team, who finished eighth and tenth on Sunday with their Megatron-powered cars, announced after the race that they would be switching next year to 3.5 litre V8 normally aspirated engines.

CYCLING

Pierce and
his team
well ahead

Aspen, Colorado (AP) — Jeff Pierce, the race leader, and his 7-Eleven team colleagues wanted to intimidate and demoralize their opposition in the Coors International Classic when they hit the Colorado line after stages in Hawaii and California. With two sweeps in two Colorado races, Pierce has a nearly insurmountable lead in the individual standings, and only a major accident will keep 7-Eleven from claiming the team title.

"This is what we've been waiting for," Pierce said on Sunday after David Flinney led the 7-Eleven team to the top three places in the Aspen circuit road race over 96km; second and third places went to Raul Alcalá and Pierce respectively. On Saturday, in the 133km "Tour of the Moon" race through the Colorado National Monument, Andy Hampsten, another 7-Eleven rider, won, with Pierce finishing second and Alcalá third.

RESULTS, 12th stage: 1. D. Flinney (7-Eleven), 2hr 10min 40 sec. 2. R. Alcalá (7-Eleven), 2:10:40. 3. J. Pierce (7-Eleven), 2:10:40. 4. J. Hampsten (7-Eleven), 2:10:55. 5. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 6. J. Armstrong (Italy), 2:11:00. 7. R. Paganini (Gazelle), 2:11:00. 8. P. Roldán (Gazelle), 2:11:00. 9. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 10. R. Hampsten (7-Eleven), 2:11:00. 11. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 12. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 13. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 14. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 15. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 16. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 17. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 18. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 19. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00. 20. J. Kump (Team Gazelle), 2:11:00.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

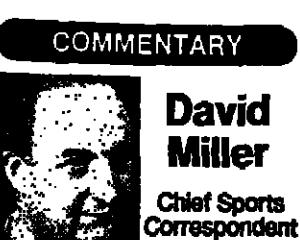
7.30 unless stated.	Swindon v Bristol C (7.45)	TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
Berks League	Torquay v Swansea	TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire
First division	Wigan v Bolton (7.45)	THE OVAL: Surrey v Kent
Luton v Coventry (7.45)	Wolverhampton v Notts Co	HOVE: Sussex v Warwickshire
Peterborough v Chelsea	Wrexham v Burnley	WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
Sheff Wed v Oxford	Newport v Cardiff (at Ninian Pk)	
Wimbledon v Everton (7.45)	Skel Cup	
Second division	Second round	
Blackburn v Barnsley	Hibernian v Montrose	
Blackburn v Bradford	Meadowbank v Hamilton	
Plymouth v Ipswich (7.45)	Queen of She's v Falkirk	

ATHLETICS: THIRD YEAR OF MOBIL INNOVATION DRAWS TO A CLOSE AND BRITAIN MAY PROVIDE AN UNLIKELY WINNER

Household names not the only winners in IAAF Grand Prix

Cologne
Now in its third year, the athletics grand prix, sponsored by Mobil, has been worth a million dollars a year. It has achieved exactly what it was needed in a sport too dominated, in terms of publicity, by the household names of middle-distance running. It has provided objectives, credibility and prestige, not to mention prize-money, for a whole range of competitors operating just below the line of the television cameraman's focus.

For example, Mike Hill's winning javelin throw here on Sunday, of 81.26 metres,

David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

gained him the lead in the grand prix javelin event over Tom Petranoff, of the United States, and puts Hill only two points behind Toni Campbell, the American high jumper, who is the overall men's grand prix leader.

The top prize is \$25,000 (£15,700), with three medals

to go: Zurich tomorrow, West Berlin on Friday, and the final, in Brussels, on September 11. One point behind Hill are Imrich Bugari, the Czechoslovak discus thrower, and Said Aouita, the Nigerian quarter-miler, three points away in fifth position. Hill's form in Cologne, ahead of Petranoff and Tafelmeyer (sixth), of West Germany, suggests he can also challenge Zeleny, of Czechoslovakia, for the gold medal in Rome.

The women's grand prix overall leader is Merlene Ottey, the Jamaican sprinter, jointly with Doina Melinte,

the Romanian middle-distance runner. Liz Lynch, of Britain, lies ninth.

With the hyperbole which is heaped upon the winners of the major championships last year the European, this year the world — the novel grand prix has tended to be overshadowed, yet in some ways it is more valuable to a broader spectrum of athletes, especially in years other than those of the main championships. The winners of the first year were Doug Padilla and Mary Stacey, the American middle-distance runners, and last year Aouita and Yordanka Donkova, the Bulgarian sprint

hurdler and then world record holder.

More than 168 million television viewers last year's final, and this year 27 television stations have booked positions for Brussels. The 26,000 seats have been sold out for six months.

While Mobil's enlightened interest has given added coherence to what were previously the IAAF's "perennial" professional events — and before that a random free-for-all circuit — there is still much public frustration with the regular non-appearance of leading competitors who have been previously billed.

Mobil is negotiating with the IAAF for a continued contract for another four years, with increased sponsorship — \$5 million? — and it would make sense for penalty clauses, or prize-money deductions, to be built into the regulations for those who default on promoters.

Athletics needs a competitors' professional association, which the sport could well afford, to help introduce some of the self-discipline which exists in golf and, more recently, tennis. On the evidence of Sunday's collision between Ben Johnson and a photographer, they need

motor racing's equivalent of a drivers' association to ensure safety on the track.

The trouble with athletics is that, for too long, the competitors have been the worst offenders in sport on the principle of grab the money and run or, infuriatingly, not run. From Michelangelo's public relations adviser to Mobil, hopes that the grand prix will expand, geographically, over the next four years to embrace areas other than Europe and the United States.

The contenders for next year's final are Crystal Palace and West Berlin.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Lewis just fails in attempt at record

Indianapolis (AP) — Carl Lewis put together the second best series of long jumps in history on Sunday, his winning jump coming within 15 centimetres of a record.

Lewis, 26, won the gold medal in the 1984 Olympic Games, with a record of 8.90 metres, winning with a Games record of 8.75 (28ft 8 1/2in), but claimed that swirling winds had hampered the performance. His 51st straight long jump victory.

Remarkably, he took a break during the competition to run in the gold medal-winning 400 metres relay team.

However, Lewis, winner of four gold medals in the 1984 Olympic Games, will have another opportunity to test the record. He is entered in the long jump, as well as the 400 metres relay, at the world championship which may also enter the 200 metres.

As the Games moved into their second week, the US continued their medal-winning drive. Six days of athletics competition, ending with the men's 4x100 metres relay, has seen the US collect a total of 56 medals — 26 gold and 30 silver and bronze — for their second highest haul in the 36-year history of the Games. The US won 22 medals in the 1959 Pan Am Games in Chicago, the only other time they have been held in the US.

Away from the track, Greg Louganis proved his domination of international diving competition, leading his nearest rival by nearly 100 points to collect two gold medals for the third time in successive Pan American Games. Louganis won the 10 metre event with a Games record of 694.68 points. He had set the previous mark of 677.58 in 1983 at Caracas. Second, and nearly 100 points behind, was a compatriot, Matt Scoggin, on 596.94, with David Bedford, of Canada, third on 546.33 points.

After a victory, Louganis, the 1984 Olympic double gold medal winner, said: "I really don't think about winning titles any more. I'm trying to concentrate on each specific dive." His ninth dive, a back three-and-a-half somersault, was scored a perfect 10 by two of the seven judges. His final and most difficult, a reverse somersault, received one 10 — and an ovation from the capacity crowd of 4,700.

The US rounded off their haul of medals with gold in fly of the eight rowing finals, victory in both the men's and women's team archery events, and a clean sweep of gold medals in the synchronized swimming events. The Games continue with the fencing events.

Up and away

Leigh have put their forward, Milton Hudart, on the transfer list at £35,000.

Gradual improvement the key as Johnson closes on record

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Cologne

Slow, steady progress is not something that you readily associate with Ben Johnson, a man who qualifies for a speeding ticket under his own steam in a 25 m.p.h. limit zone. But, according to Charlie Francis, his coach, it is the "gradual improvements, no giant leaps" over the last 10 years, which have brought Johnson to the verge of the world 100 metres record without having to go to altitude to achieve it.

Calvin Smith's record of 9.93sec was set in 1983 at Colorado Springs, which is at a much higher altitude than the 1,000 metres generally accepted as beneficial to performance. The "explosive" events, such as the sprints, Smith was also aided by a 1.4 metres per second wind. One m.p.s. is reckoned to be worth a benefit of 0.1sec.

So Johnson's 9.95sec here at sea level on Sunday, without a breath of wind, is already morally the world's best ever 100 metres. Good conditions in Zurich tomorrow might could remove any argument. For the Letzigrund track is famed for its speed. The world records for the women's 100 metres and the men's 110 metres hurdles were set there.

And with marks of 9.98sec ("in poor conditions on a slow track"), 10.05, 10.00, and now 9.95 in the last 10 days, Johnson is evidently in optimum form. Although, with a bragado to compare with his speed, he says: "I'm not peaking yet, just running."

The only thing he has not been fast enough to do recently was avoid a photographer who was kneeling barely 15 metres past the finish line here on Sunday. Johnson clipped him and crashed to the track, where he lay for five minutes to ensure he was not injured.

The all-time best 100metre performers

9.93*	C Smith (US), in Colorado Springs, 3rd July, 1983
9.95*	J Hines (US), in Mexico City, 14th October, 1968
9.95*	B Johnson (Can), in Cologne, 18th August, 1987
9.95*	J Johnson (US), in Moscow, 9th July, 1986
9.96*	R Lathbury (GB), in Athens, 5th May, 1984
9.97	C Lewis (US), in Modesto, 14th May, 1983
9.97	Smith, in Zurich, 25th August, 1983
9.98*	S Leonard (Cuba), in Guadalajara, 11th August, 1977
9.98	Lewis, in Modesto, 11th May, 1985
9.98	Johnson, in Ottawa, 1st August, 1987

* denotes that the race was run at altitude.

That interlude was interrupted by another photographer trying to push a worried Francis out of the way, whereupon Johnson got up and punched the offender. Since Johnson is built like a brick outhouse, the argument ended there. But it was not over there.

Johnson emigrated from Jamaica to Toronto with his parents at the age of 13. As Francis related yesterday: "When he started with me at the age of 14, in 1977, I thought he was too small — he was only 5ft 4in, and a very skinny 93lb. But he sprouted 43lb and five inches in the next year. And that made him really inconsistent as a youngster. He could be brilliant one day, and tired out the next. All

his strength was going into growing."

When that process stopped, at 5ft 11in and 12 stones, the strength was nurtured by a regime of four-hour-a-day training, of which an hour and a half is devoted to throwing weights. The result is a torso that would strike fear into a matador, let alone a photographer. And the results on the track have been equally awesome.

From 10.79sec as a 16-year-old, in 1978, his time has gradually decreased each year until he can now boast 20 performances under 10.10sec since 1984, the year he finished third in the Olympic 100 metres. Six of those times have been 10.00sec or better. And Car-

Winning the priority for Hill

Cologne — Mick Hill's final statement of intent before the world championships was clear to several of the opponents he will meet in Rome in two weeks' time (Pat Butcher writes). Because they were behind him when he won here on Sunday, the still conditions did not favour the javelin; but, as Hill said, "81.26 metres may not be great, but it's the win that counts."

And Hill has been winning consistently in the last few weeks. Since finishing fourth in the European Cup in Prague, Hill has thrown the best ever series with the

new javelin, during which he set a Commonwealth record of 85.24 metres, the fourth best on record.

His only defeat has been by Einar Vilhjalmsen, who was third on Sunday. Tom Petranoff, the original world record holder with the new implement, was second. But the withdrawal of Klaus Tafelmeyer, another previous world record holder, with a back injury after only two throws, does not look good for the West German's chances of making Rome in good condition. The competition was Hill's last



Sheer power: Ben Johnson aims for Rome and the 100 metres record

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BROWNS LEAGUE: Play-off: Baltimore 24, Cleveland 0.

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FA restricts Wolves' away supporters

By John Goodbody

Wolverhampton Wanderers' away matches will be all-ticket following the violence in Saturday's fourth division match at Scarborough.

The Football Association yesterday acted with commendable speed to the incidents at the Yorkshire seaside resort, where £20,000 worth of damage was done to the ground, 56 arrests were made, a supporter fell through a roof of the stand and widespread drunkenness and fighting with police occurred.

The FA, who will hold an inquiry at Scarborough on Friday, has decided that no tickets will be on sale on the day of away matches and the home club and Wolves are to decide on the number to be allocated directly to the Midlands club before these games.

"These tickets, if any, are to be sold through the club and a record of the name and address of each purchaser is to be kept. Every effort is also to be made to encourage Wolves' supporters to travel by transport organized by the club," a statement read.

Glen Kirtan, an FA spokesman, added: "This is in keeping with the action we have taken following similar incidents in the past. We have got to re-establish public confidence."

Nowhere has that confidence more to be restored than in the head-quarters of UEFA, the Euro-

In The Netherlands, one football supporter was injured and more than 100 were arrested on Sunday, the opening day of the season. The worst of the violence occurred after the home division match between PSV Eindhoven and FC den Bosch, which PSV won 6-1 - in Eindhoven. According to local police, home supporters hurled stones at trains carrying the visitors' supporters. Police arrested 50 home supporters, who were released later on Sunday pending charges.

In Tilburg, 15 miles west of Eindhoven, 69 supporters were detained before and after the match between Feyenoord and Willem II, the town's home team. Seven people were caught vandalizing cars before the match, and another 62 were arrested for throwing two police officers off a bus travelling from the ground to the railway station. The bus was then damaged. No report of injuries was made by the police, and those arrested were released. Feyenoord, the Rotterdam side, won the match 2-3.

pean governing body, and also in Whitehall, where Colin Moylan, the Minister for Sport, is preparing to insist that all clubs have 50 per cent membership schemes - where half the ground is reserved for identity-card-carrying home supporters - unless the local police give written advice to the contrary.

The news of the outbreak of hooliganism was printed yesterday in the Continental newspapers, including those of Switzerland. A spokesman for UEFA agreed yesterday with the statement that "incidents like these do not help England's case in returning to the European competitions".

He said that the UEFA executive committee would not discuss until next spring whether there should be an end to the three-season ban, imposed after the Heysel stadium disaster in Brussels in May 1985, in which 39 people died.

UEFA has observers monitoring the behaviour of English supporters in domestic football and may delay a final decision on the readmission until after next summer's European Championships in West Germany, when England, if they qualify, may attract widespread support.

The British Government will be prepared to take further action if the clubs, such as Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool - and Scarborough - do not implement membership schemes with identity cards.

David Evans, the Conservative MP and chairman of Luton Town, who last season banned all away supporters from Kenilworth Road, warned yesterday: "The Prime Minister will not put up with it much longer. I know her well and she will shut down big clubs if they do not introduce a proper membership scheme. She will give

them three months to get it done.

"So far the Football League and the FA have done nothing to convince the European authorities that our clubs should be allowed back in their competitions. Though caused by a tiny minority, the hooligan problem is still here - as was shown by Scarborough and by Barnsley needing to play Leeds on Sunday instead of Saturday."

The West Midlands Police will study videotape and newspaper photographs of the violence, as was done after the Heysel stadium disaster, to try to identify the culprits.

"The genuine supporters have been infiltrated by groups of youths from surrounding areas," David Dibbs, the Chief Superintendent of the Wolverhampton Police, said. "There were 300 camped on Scarborough beach overnight."

Dick Homden, the chairman of Wolves, said: "I am perfectly happy about a ban on our away supporters. The innocent will just have to suffer in stopping the guilty. We will also consider banning away supporters from Molineux."

Mandy Charlesworth, whose husband, Andrew, fell through the roof of a stand at Scarborough and returned home to Cannock with his left arm in a sling and wearing a surgical collar, said yesterday: "Thank God he is alive, but he deserves a thick ear."

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Leg injury jeopardizes Aouita's chances

From David Miller Cologne

Said Aouita, a runner more remarkable even than the legendary Pavo Nurni, may be punished by his own talent: injured by excellence. He is at home in Morocco struggling to recover from a recurrent leg injury. It is likely to miss tomorrow's Weltklasse grand prix in Zurich, and is even doubtful for the world championships, which start in Rome on August 29.

There can be little doubt that for three years this exceptional little Moroccan, a national hero, has outrun himself and is now paying the price. An orthopaedic professor, on the special instruction of the king, Aouita's personal mentor, is attempting to cure the inflamed leg-nerve of the Olympic champion and world record holder at 5,000 metres.

Aouita had been intending to make yet another world record attempt in Zurich, simultaneously for the 1,500 metres and the mile, but yesterday Andre Brugger, the promoter who has been in constant touch with Aouita, said: "Any record attempt is now out of the question. I am sorry for Said; he has been running too much, and we must wait to see if he can get fit in two days."

The leg injury first occurred

Black will miss Zurich meeting

Roger Black, the European 400 metres champion, looks set to launch his world championship medal attempt short of race practice. Black, whose season has turned sour in the past six weeks as his form has deteriorated, received his latest setback last Friday when he suffered a hamstring injury while warming up for the Miller Lite-IAC meeting at Crystal Palace.

He felt the problem was not too serious and said he would be ready to resume action in Zurich tomorrow. But yesterday it was revealed he would not be running in Switzerland, and would stay at home to receive treatment.

In 1984, and the pain became serious again following his 5,000 metres world record in the grand prix in Rome on July 22, when he became the first man to break 13 minutes.

Either way, he cannot now

expect to be at a peak for the world championships; though at 5,000 metres he can give most rivals a 200m start.

While the world has been eulogizing Aouita's feats, and his exceptional range from 800 to 10,000 metres, he himself is said to be questioning his intense programme of racing over the past three years. There is even speculation, according to one reliable source, that he may be at odds with Dionisi, his coach, over involvement in the 12½-lap and 25-lap events.

Aouita is known to prefer, most of all, the 1,500 metres, and there has been talk of his considering a unique 1,500/10,000 metres double attempt in Rome. What is clear is that some 20 record attempts in three seasons, with so many near misses last year, have inevitably taken their toll. He would in all probability run even faster if he ran less often.

Almost every other great runner of the past 10 years, including Walker, Moorcroft, Ovett, Coo and Cram, have encountered injury because of the level at which they now train. Aouita may be the fastest of all, but is no exception to the physical risks. He has been playing Russian roulette with his ability, and with his Olympic prospects for next year.

Selectors choose Phillips

By Jenny MacArthur

Captain Mark Phillips has earned his place in the squad of six for next month's European three-day event championships in Lohmühlen, West Germany, on Cartier after one of the most difficult selection processes for many years.

Lucinda Green, the former world and European champion, has been left out of the six, announced yesterday, and is the non-travelling reserve with Shannagh. Clarissa Strachan and Delphy Dazzle, members of last year's gold medal team at the Royal Championships, have been dropped.

There was never any doubt that Virginia Leng (Night Cap) and Ian Stark (Sir Watie), members of last year's Royal Championships team and the winners of 1985 European team, would lead the list of six. The problem, underlined by Henrietta Knight, chairman of the selectors, at last weekend's final trial at Gatcombe, was picking the remaining four.

The selectors have decided to ring the changes. The chosen four, which include Capt Phillips, are Jane Thewall with Mr Huntbridge's Bramham winner, King's Jester, who acquired himself as individuals at last year's Polish Championships; Richard Walker (Accumulator), making a welcome return to the team after 18 years (he was in fact, picked for 971 European championships with Pasha but the horse was lame and had to be withdrawn); Richard Hunt (Aloa) who, at 22, is the youngest of the six but she has already proved in Poland last year and in Stockholm in June that she is able to hold her own in the senior team.

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Selectors snub IAC meeting

By Ian Stafford

"Even though a host of athletes have achieved the necessary 'B' standard qualifications, no one has been selected in 12 events for Rome," Winch said. "If these qualified athletes do not go to the championships, then our sport would be better off without the selectors."

Instead, an earlier meeting was called at which the selectors reiterated their stand. "There will be no further selections for Rome," Tony Ward, the spokesman for the British Board, said.

"The reason for the selectors' non-appearance at the IAC conference is that it was looked on as a kangaroo court, whereby poor selectors would be harangued by the

IAC, athletes and their representatives."

Andy Norman, the promotions officer for the BAAS and one of the selectors, also left a plain message. "The selectors have not, and will not, discuss further additions to the squad."

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Seoul accepts Games offer

Lausanne (Reuters) - South Korea said yesterday it had accepted proposals by the International Olympic Committee to give the 1988 Olympic Games, an IOC spokesman reported. An official letter to this effect was said to be on its way to Lausanne.

Last month the IOC proposed that North Korea be given the women's volleyball and the 100km cycle race in addition to the table tennis and archery and one of four preliminary football rounds agreed last year. Pyongyang responded by demanding three more full events.

Morgan is first Briton into finals

From Roy Moor, Strasbourg

Bobby Morgan, of Wales, became Britain's first finalist of the European swimming championships when 544.38 points in the qualifying round of the men's springboard diving here yesterday earned him eleven points. The first 12 of the 25 starters go through to today's final, for which all previous scoring will be dropped.

Morgan, whose medal prospects seemed better in the high board, pleased Mike Edge, the chief coach, considerably when scoring 66.15 points from the last and most difficult of his 11 dives - a reverse three-and-a-half somersault.

Nicki Stajkovic, of Austria, and Albin Killat, the West German, led the qualifiers. Stajkovic scored 625.86 points and Killat 598.23. A lurking threat to both for the gold today must be Alexander Gladchenko, of the Soviet Union, who was yesterday placed third on 597.78 points. He appeared to be holding something in reserve.

Britain's water polo players won their first match in the Group B series, 10-9 against Sweden.

Despite scoring first, Britain trailed 1-2 at the end of the opening period, and 4-7 at the halfway mark. The third per-

iod saw the Britons pull back to 7-3, then in an exciting final session draw level at 9-9 before Simons clinched the match with a penalty in the final minute.

The first gold medal of the championships went to The Netherlands. Daphne Jongejans was an unexpected winner in the women's springboard diving final. Consistency throughout her 10 dives earned her 525.78 points, leaving Marina Babkova, of the Soviet Union, to take the silver with 518.88 and the East German favourite, Brita Baldus, the bronze at 513.42.

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On song: Richard Hadlee, of Nottinghamshire, in familiar pose at Trent Bridge yesterday

Only Williams defies the Hadlee onslaught

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

TRENT BRIDGE: Northamptonshire, with all their second-innings wickets in hand, are 213 runs behind Nottinghamshire.

Unless it rains, Nottinghamshire should extend their lead over Northamptonshire, at the head of the county championship, to 32 points today. They made them follow-on at Trent Bridge yesterday, 229 runs behind, Nottinghamshire having Hadlee to thank for that and Northamptonshire being indebted to Williams for the two batting bonus points that are likely to be their only return from the match.

When, last, was the best cricketer in the world a greying 36-year-old? As a winner of championship matches Richard Hadlee is out on his own. Last week he beat Somerset almost single-handedly (12 for 83; 101 and 23 not out). By 2.10 yesterday he had played three or four remarkable strokes while making a quick 36 towards the end of Nottinghamshire's innings and removed Northamptonshire's first four batsmen in his first seven overs, besides fielding to his own bowling like a man half his age.

Without him Northamptonshire would probably have held their own, which may make it rather difficult

for them to say what they think of the pitch. It looks, to be honest, a pretty rough one; and yet Nottinghamshire made their best total of the season on it. The ball turned a lot for Hemmings at one end, while at the other it occasionally few for the faster bowlers. Bradman would certainly not recognize it.

Williams is having a capital season, though yesterday's was his first hundred. He began apprehensively, to say the least, but once Hadlee went off, at 68 for four, his confidence picked up. Being such a small man (in height that is, not sturdiness), he has his own brand of footwork, nimble and knowing but making room for the stroke.

Knowing that there was no way for the pitch to improve, and taking a chance with the weather, Robinson batted on in the morning. As Rice's heir apparent, Robinson, when present, has charge of Nottinghamshire in championship matches. Rice will be a difficult man to succeed, especially for someone as naturally subdued as Robinson. Already Northamptonshire looked as though they were not enjoying the day, Davis especially.

In 95 minutes they bowled 24 overs, took four wickets, and saw enough of the pitch to

mistrust it. We can do without such plays from Davis as taking an extra long time to polish the ball and exhorting the crowd to stand up behind the bowler's arm. A diving, right-handed catch at square leg by Lamb, which got rid of Johnson, took one of Northamptonshire's few wickets.

By lunch Hadlee had accounted for Cook, Larkins and Bailey in 21 balls. Cook went to the second ball of the innings, caught at third slip; Larkins was leg before to a ball that cut back at him, and Bailey edged a very good one to French. When much the same ball had Lamb seal caught at first slip, Northamptonshire were 43 for four with Hadlee still full of running. But Williams dug in and Capel had less difficulty than anyone with Hadlee.

These two added 64 for the fifth wicket, which saved Northamptonshire from collapse. When a nice low catch at backward short leg off a tiny off break sent back Capel, Ripley came and hit Saxelby for four fours in an over, and Davis made a laid-back 20. Finally, with the last man in, Williams reached his hundred, an innings full of character, acclaimed by a good crowd and generous opponents alike.

Injured Botham is out of bicentenary match

By John Woodcock

The bicentenary match between MCC and the Rest of the World, starting at Lord's on Thursday, suffered another withdrawal yesterday when Ian Botham said that a groin strain, suffered last Saturday, would prevent him from playing.

His place will be taken by Clive Rice, which, while depriving Nottinghamshire of a fourth player at a critical time for them, will invest the match with a South African presence.

It is the greatest pity about Botham, just as it was when Martin Crowe, after breaking a thumb, and Vivian Richards, ostensibly to play for England, pulled out of the Lord's game.

All three will be much missed. As Botham was chosen as an all-rounder in the MCC side and does not expect to

bow again for three weeks, the balance would have been upset had he been retained purely as a batsman.

Not surprisingly, they are not best pleased at Trent Bridge to be losing another of their leading players with the championship race reaching its climax. They were expecting Rice to miss their match against Essex on Wednesday anyway (he would have had to be at Lord's on Thursday and Friday as a reserve, MCC already having refused him leave of absence); but they were hoping to have him back in time to play against Gloucestershire on Saturday.

Now, they will be without Broad, French, Hadlee and Rice for both matches, as well as Randall, who will miss the rest of the season with a hand injury.

Body blow for Stein

Frankfurt (Reuters) - Uli Stein, the Hamburg SV goalkeeper, was suspended for 10 matches and fined \$1,600 (about £1,000) yesterday after being sent off for punching the Bayern Munich forward, Jurgen Wegmann, in a match last month.

Stein, aged 32, has already been suspended indefinitely by Hamburg and placed on the transfer list because of the incident.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Woodsam: change of caddie
The first driver to be killed at Donington Park circuit in 10 years of car racing was yesterday named as Peter Rogers, aged 26, from Amersham.

Tour averted
Johannesburg - South African Rugby Union players who were threatening to go against the home board by organizing an unofficial tour have dropped their plans.

Four included
Birmingham Eagles have been named as one of four new ice hockey clubs in the Heineken League's revamped second division competition. The other teams are Bracknell Bees, Chelmsford Chieftains and Romford Raiders.

Parting ways
Ian Woodsam has parted company with his caddie, John Davidson, who has been with the Welsh Ryder Cup player for 18 months. Davidson said: "It was all very amicable, Ian felt he needed a change."

Lord's date
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END COLUMN

Pot-holes on way to a big Tour

By Peter Bryan

Cycling must be prepared to make important concessions if professional races such as last week's immensely successful and popular Kellogg's Tour of Britain are to make the great leap forward to rival the established tours of Europe.

Fewer races on the open road at weekends, for instance, may be part of the price the police will demand before giving full co-operation in major events such as the Tour. This has happened in France in recent years because of the heavy increase in motor traffic.

Cyclists may bristle at the suggestion but the writing is on the wall: if road racing goes fully commercial, then it will have to be on a give-and-take basis. Not that that is unreasonable. After all, what other sport can command the temporary and exclusive use of the public highway the length of Britain?

What, then, is the future of the race which, with its city centre finishes, inevitably brings traffic to a standstill in all five locations and left other motorists stranded along side roads, often not knowing the reason for the delay?

It is unlikely that police forces will allow a rapid expansion to make it comparable with the Tour de France, in which complete road closures are in operation for as long as 12 hours a day.

On last week's Tour the organizers took a necessary leap from the Milk Race book and negotiated for a team of 12 police motorcyclists to accompany and marshal the race throughout the 14 different police regions along the way. That in itself was unusual; normally on escort work one police force will "hand over"



McLoughlin: more graffiti

responsibility to the adjoining region when the boundary between the two is reached.

The Association of Chief Police Officers nominated Assistant Chief Constable Don Davison, Derbyshire, to recon the route beforehand and control the policing of the race from start to finish.

Yesterday he said: "A lot of road users were inconvenienced by the race and obviously some complaints, but not a lot, were received from the general public. But I must say that I have never experienced such an understanding response from road users to my officers' requests to pull in while the race passed." Videos were made on every stage of the event with concentration on likely danger spots. They are being edited and will be used as a police training film.

An international race does not immediately become a classic in cycling terms, but the Tour of Britain will be back by popular demand next year, again with Kellogg's as the sponsor. That much was confirmed immediately after the Edinburgh to London marathon ended in Whitehall on Sunday.

Interest in and support for the Tour was enormous along the entire 625-mile route, which was deliberately taken off major roads wherever possible to reduce inconvenience to other road users.

Even so, seemingly inaccessible hillsides in the Border country, the Pennines and the Peak District were so thickly packed with spectators that they outlined the race route which could often be seen two miles distant. The hill roads were painted with the names of the favourites and a rough count showed there to be more graffiti for Joey (winner McLoughlin) than for Kelly (Sean), the world's top rider.

In towns it was the same story. People waiting for up to an hour for the colourful cavalcade to whiz past with cameras at the ready. Last week, then, the Tour of Britain put down its first tap-root to nourish its future.

The enthusiasts are already likening the contest to the Tour de France, the Giro d'Italia or the Vuelta in Spain, but that can only be described as premature optimism which is unlikely to become reality for at least another four. Patience, perseverance and planning are the key words.

David Jones